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Emancipation is a legal process that requires several steps and is decided by a Judge at a court hearing.

You are responsible for completing the following items during the process:

- Complete the *Emancipation Information Form* (will be provided to you)
- Sign and file a completed *Application for Decree of Emancipation* (will be provided to you) with the Circuit Court.
- Pay the required filing fee for the *Application for Decree of Emancipation* at the time you file it with the Circuit Court.
- Complete and serve a legal summons (will be provided to you) to your parent/legal guardian to notify them of your emancipation hearing, which is scheduled for you at the time of filing the *Application for Decree of Emancipation* with the Circuit Court.
 1. A copy of the *Application for Decree of Emancipation* must be served along with the summons, by certified mail, with the return receipt provided to the Circuit Court at the time of the hearing.
- Attend an emancipation court hearing. Bring the following information with you to the emancipation court hearing:
 1. Proof of employment (most recent pay check stubs)
 2. Completed *Emancipation Budget Form*
 3. Five year goal statement
 4. Bank statements – checking & savings, if available
 5. If using income other than employment as a basis for emancipation, proof of that income is required.
 6. Letters of recommendation or support from ADULTS that have known you for a significant period of time, such as employers, school counselors, pastor, etc.
- If emancipation is granted, bring a certified copy of the *Emancipation Decree* to the Department of Motor Vehicles to change the minor status on your driver's license or identification card.

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