

Emancipation Checklist: Child Support

This checklist is for a parent or guardian who wishes to declare their child is emancipated so that they no longer have to pay child support for the child. Generally, child support in Colorado is paid by a parent/guardian until the child turns 19.

Step 1: Is your child under the age of 19?

- If yes, continue to Step 2.
- If no, but you are still paying child support, continue to Step 3.

Step 2: Does your child meet any of the requirements for emancipation?

- Are they in the military?
- Are they married?
- Are they living on their own and self-supporting?
- Did you and your co-parent sign a written agreement to end child support payments before your child turns 19?
- If you answered yes to any of the questions, continue to Step 4.

Step 3: If you are still paying child support for your child that is over the age of 19, here are the possible reasons why:

- Did you sign a written agreement with the other parent/guardian to continue support past age 19?
- Is your child still enrolled in high school?
 - If yes, support continues until the end of the month following high school graduation.
 - Child is not entitled to support beyond age 21.
- Does your child have a mental or physical disability?
 - If yes and your child is unable to support themselves, you have a duty to provide support for the duration of the disability.

Step 4: Filing a motion to terminate child support.

- Here are [instructions on how to file a motion to terminate child support](#). Of note, there is a filing fee of \$105 and the court will review your case within 49 days of filing. Make sure to keep copies of all paperwork and provide a copy to the other party/parties of the case.