



**NORTHERN CHEYENNE COURT**  
25 N. CHEYENNE AVE  
P.O. BOX 1199  
LAME DEER, MONTANA 59043  
406-477-8340 (P) 406-477-6111 (F)

## PETITION FOR CUSTODY

**Purpose:** The purpose of this petition allows the person filing to request this Court's consideration regarding the Custody of a Particular Child(ren).

**HOW:** All sections of this petitioner must be filled in accurately and completely by the person filing this petition (Petitioner) and filed with this Court. In addition, this petition must be verified and signed before a CLERK of this Court of a Notary Public.

The original petition must be submitted to the court with the following documents listed below, before being accepted by a Clerk, and must be accompanied with a \$75.00 Money Order or Cashier's Check (Filing Fee);

1. Child(ren) Certified Birth Certificate (Colored Copy)
2. Child(ren) Certificate of Indian Blood
3. Certified Copy Orders, Guardianship, etc.
4. Current and Correct Mailing Address for both Parents
5. If seeking emergency temporary custody, Petitioner must file a motion with the Petition with a separate \$10.00 money order (Motion Fee)

*These requirements are in accordance with Title VIII, Chapter 3 of the Northern Cheyenne Domestic Relations Code of the Northern Cheyenne Law and Order Code.*

*Amended this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025*

  
Chief Judge Curtis Elkshouder, Jr.

NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COURT  
PO BOX 1199  
LAME DEER, MONTANA 59043  
PHONE NO. (406) 477-8340 OR 8349  
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IN RE THE MATTER OF:

JUVENILE CIVIL CASE NO.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

PETITION FOR CUSTODY

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

PETITIONER, \_\_\_\_\_, RESPECTFULLY STATES THE FOLLOWING:

1. THAT THE CHILD(REN)'S NATURAL MOTHER IS: \_\_\_\_\_  
WHOSE CURRENT AND CORRECT ADDRESS IS: \_\_\_\_\_

2. THAT THE CHILD(REN)'S NATURAL FATHER IS: \_\_\_\_\_  
WHOSE CURRENT AND CORRECT ADDRESS IS: \_\_\_\_\_

3. THAT THE PETITIONER'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHILD(REN) IS: \_\_\_\_\_

4. THAT THE CHILD IS CURRENTLY IN THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

5. THAT THE CHILD(REN)'S AGES IS/ARE: \_\_\_\_\_,  
AND WHOSE CURRENT AND CORRECT ADDRESS IS: \_\_\_\_\_

6. THAT THE NAMES, CURRENT AND CORRECT ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF  
THE CHILD(REN) ARE:

A. MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

B. PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER: \_\_\_\_\_

C. MATERNAL AUNTS: \_\_\_\_\_

MATERNAL UNCLES: \_\_\_\_\_

D. PATERNAL AUNTS: \_\_\_\_\_

PATERNAL UNCLES: \_\_\_\_\_

7. THAT THE CHILD(REN) HAS/HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY,

\_\_\_\_\_

8. ARE THERE ANY PRIOR DIVORCE DECREES OR OTHER CUSTODY ORDERS ISSUED BY THIS COURT OR ANY OTHER COURT?: \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE DID THIS ORDER ORIGINATE FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

9. THE PETITIONER REQUESTS CHILD SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

10. THE PETITIONER ALSO REQUESTS THAT THE COURT APPOINT \_\_\_\_\_

AS THE CUSTODIAN OF THE CHILD(REN) AND THAT THE CUSTODY BEGIN ON \_\_\_\_\_

AND END ON \_\_\_\_\_, AND THAT THE COURT TAKE ANY ACTION THAT IT

FEELS IS NECESSARY AND REASONABLE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER:

\_\_\_\_\_

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PETITIONER, NAME/CORRECT ADDRESS

SIGNED AND SWORN TO ME BEFORE THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COURT  
NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COURT

\*\*\* IF YOU ARE REQUESTING FOR IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN,  
PLEASE SUBMIT A STATEMENT ALONG WITH THIS PETITION EXPLAINING TO THE JUDGE  
WHY A TEMPORARY CUSTODY ORDER SHOULD BE ISSUED. PLEASE EXPLAIN IN DETAIL.

\*\*\* IF THERE IS A PRIOR DIVORCE DECREE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE, ANY MODIFICATIONS TO  
CUSTODY OR CHILD SUPPORT NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH THROUGH THE DIVORCE DECREE.  
PLEASE REFER BACK TO THE ORIGINAL DIVORCE DECREE.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONER

I, (print full name) \_\_\_\_\_, affirm as follows:

I am petitioning for the custody of the child(ren) whose date(s) of birth is/are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent ( ) Child(ren) have resided within the exterior boundaries of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation for six months prior to the filing of this action at (place of residence) \_\_\_\_\_

-OR-

( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent has a business on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, and the business is \_\_\_\_\_

-OR-

( ) Neither party resides or owns a business on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, but the Northern Cheyenne Court should hear this matter because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public