



# Kinship Care Form

## Definitions of relative, full time care, nurturing, and protection.

**A relative providing Kinship Care must submit documentation to verify the application. The following are examples of documents you be asked to provide.**

<b>Methods</b>	<p><b>Unexpired official documentation from the federal government or the State of Virginia</b> with an issue date within the last 12 months immediately preceding the school’s review of residency documentation, indicating that the caregiver receives public or medical benefits on behalf of the student, including, but not limited to, Supplemental Security Income annual benefits notification or TANF verification of income notice or recertification approval letter.</p> <p><b>An attestation for a relative providing Kinship Care completed and signed by a legal, medical or social service professional</b> attesting to the relative’s status relevant to the student and issued within the last 12 months immediately preceding the school’s review of residency documentation.</p> <p><b>Government issued documents</b> showing the parent/legal guardian is incarcerated or deceased</p> <p><b>Military issued documents</b> showing the parent/legal guardian has been assigned to a location where their child cannot reside with them.</p>
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## Am I a relative providing Kinship Care?

The Code of Virginia § 63.2-100 defines Kinship Care as the full-time care, nurturing, and protection of children by relatives. Arlington Public Schools Policy J-5.3.30 Admissions defines relative as “a person connected with another by blood or affinity”. The enrolling student must *reside* with the relative providing Kinship Care, and the relative providing Kinship Care *must provide the student with full-time care, nurturing, and protection*. In addition, **the student’s parents, guardians, or custodians are unable to provide full-time care, nurturing, and support due to serious family hardship**. If you are not a relative connected with the student by blood or affinity, do not provide full-time care, nurturing, and support, and the student’s parents, guardians, or custodians do not suffer from a serious family hardship, or the child is residing with you for educational purposes only, you do not qualify as a relative providing Kinship Care. The following table, while not a comprehensive list, can help you determine if you are a relative providing Kinship Care.

<b>Relative</b>	<p><b>Are you connected with the child by blood or affinity?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are you a sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent, cousin, etc. of the child?</li> <li>• Do you have a long-term established relationship with the child such as a godparent or close family friend?</li> <li>• Are you co-habiting with the parent/legal guardian?</li> </ul>
<b>Educational Purposes Only</b>	<p><b>Is this child living with you for any of the following purposes?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parent/legal guardian wants the child to go to school in the US</li> <li>• Arlington provides a better educational than where the child’s parent/legal guardian resides</li> </ul>
<b>Full time care</b>	<p><b>Do you provide the following care on a daily basis?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bathing, Feeding, and Dressing</li> <li>• Supervising the child’s activities</li> <li>• Assisting with other physical care needs</li> <li>• A location for the child to sleep</li> </ul>
<b>Nurturing</b>	<p><b>Do you perform the following nurturing activities?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending school conferences</li> <li>• Disciplining the child</li> <li>• Assuring medical attention will be received by the child</li> <li>• Involvement in the child’s extracurricular activities</li> </ul>
<b>Protection</b>	<p><b>Do you perform the following protection activities?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing clothing</li> <li>• Providing shelter</li> </ul>