

**JUVENILE DEPARTMENT  
CIRCUIT COURT FOR BAKER COUNTY**

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**EMANCIPATION CRITERIA**

**The youth must:**

1. Be at least 16 years of age
2. Fill out the emancipation application
3. Pay a filing fee of \$252.00 to Baker County Circuit Court (amount may change)

**The Court will take into consideration the following factors:**

1. Whether the parent of the minor consents to the proposed emancipation.
2. Whether the minor has been living away from the family home and is substantially able to be self-maintained and self-supported without parental guidance and supervision.
3. Whether the minor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court that the minor is sufficiently mature and knowledgeable to manage the minor's affairs without parental assistance.

The Juvenile Court shall conduct a preliminary hearing on the minor's application for emancipation within 10 days of the date on which it is filed or as soon as possible thereafter.

If the Court needs more time to determine if emancipation would be appropriate than the final hearing shall be held no later than 60 days or as soon as possible from the date of the filed application.