

Example Plans for Sharing Direct Expenses

Sample 1

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in addition to the monetary child support as required by the shared expense formula, that they will share the following direct expenses of the minor child:

- A. The purchase of school clothing shall be done jointly by the Petitioner and the Respondent during the month of August. The parties agree that they will each be responsible for one-half of the cost of school clothing.
- B. The parties further agree that they will shop for the children's summer clothes during April or May. Each party shall be responsible for one-half of the cost of the children's summer clothing.
- C. The parties further agree that they are each free to buy additional clothing for the minor children at any time at their own expense. The parties agree that clothing shall be permitted to pass back and forth between households.
- D. The parties further agree to share the cost of school enrollment, books, and supplies on an equal basis.
- E. School lunches shall be prepaid for each of the minor children with each parent paying half of the cost directly to the school.
- F. The parties agree to share the cost of any field trips on an equal basis. Each party shall be responsible for making the payments directly to the school.
- G. The parties agree that the child may be involved in extracurricular activities with the consent of the other parent. They further agree that the cost of such agreed activity, including any uniforms or equipment, shall be shared on an equal basis.
- H. The parties agree that failure to make their respective contributions for the direct expenses of the children may result in termination of the shared child support formula, attorney fees, or other sanctions.
- I. This arrangement is deemed to be in the best interest of the minor children.

## Sample 2

- A. Each party shall pay for the clothing and related items for the child that will be used and kept at each party's respective residence. The parties shall, within a reasonable degree, attempt to segregate and return any clothing that was purchased by the other party when the child wears the same to the other party's residence upon exchanging custody as herein provided. Should either party desire to purchase an article of clothing which would be shared between the parties' residences, the party shall notify the other party of the intended purchase of the article and price range thereof prior to the purchase thereof in writing and shall attempt to reach an amicable solution to the splitting of the costs thereof with the other party. If no solution can be reached, then the purchase of such article of clothing shall be based upon a reasonable standard.
- B. The parties agree that the child may be involved in extracurricular activities with the consent of the other parent. They further agree that the cost of such agreed activity, including any uniforms or equipment, shall be shared on an equal basis.
- C. The parties shall each pay one-half of the following direct expenses of the child:
  - 1. Any clothing needed for the child's special events, (which shall include, but not be limited to, prom dresses, sports uniforms, scout uniforms) so long as the expenditure for such clothing is reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the purchase thereof;
  - 2. Any school-related expenses which are not included in the child's regular tuition and fees, as long as such expenses are reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the expenditure thereof; and
  - 3. Any direct expenses unrelated to school but relating to education, so long as such expenses are reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the expenditure thereof.
  - 4. The term "direct expenses" as used herein includes only those items included in this paragraph, including any subparts. In the event that either of the parties wish to incur what they believe to be additional direct expenses of the child, they should follow the procedure for splitting the reasonable cost thereof with the other party by the method specified in paragraph a, above.
- D. At the end of each quarter of the calendar year, or at any time mutually agreed upon by the parties, the parties shall present to each other their

respective expenditures for direct expenses of the minor child in the form of receipts for purchases thereof and cancelled checks or other form of payment. After totaling the amount of expenditures for each party, the party with the lower amount of expenditures shall reimburse the other party one-half of the difference within thirty (30) days. Failure of one party to submit any such direct expenses to the other party by use of this method for a period of 120 days following the expenditure shall extinguish any right of reimbursement from the non-participating party in such expense.

- E. Failure of either party to pay their respective share of the child's direct expenses as they become due may be considered a basis for terminating the shared residency formula, attorney fees, or other sanctions.
- F. This arrangement is deemed to be in the best interest of the minor children.

#### Sample 3

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as part of the shared expense formula of the parties, the parties shall share the direct expenses of the minor children, as follows:

- A. The Petitioner shall be responsible for all school expenses, school lunches, tuition, enrollment, and all extra curricular activity expenses, including all school activity clothing and equipment;
- B. the Respondent shall be responsible for the cost of the children's clothing, haircuts, makeup, and personal items;
- C. the parties shall permit clothing to pass between households on a reasonable basis;
- D. this arrangement is deemed to be in the best interest of the minor children.

#### Sample 4

- A. The parties agree to share the reasonable direct expenses of the children pursuant to the Kansas Child Support Guidelines.
- B. The parties agree that the historical direct expenses of the minor children are as follows:
  - 1. School related expenses
    - a. Tuition
    - b. Fees

- c. Testing costs of standardized college admission testing
  - d. School lunches
- 2. Extracurricular activities
  - a. Pom pon Squad
  - b. Softball
  - c. Dance lessons
  - d. Young Life camp
  - e. Scouts
- 3. Clothing
  - a. Day to day/school (Each party agrees to provide a minimum of \$200 worth of clothing for each child per quarter and that the clothing shall pass back and forth between households.)
  - b. Pom pon uniforms
- 4. Transportation
  - a. Fuel (Father and mother agree to provide up to \$50 per month fuel for child's car.)
  - b. Maintenance (Father and mother agree to share equally the maintenance on the child's car; any expenses that are likely to cost more than one hundred dollars shall be discussed before being incurred; the party not incurring the expense shall have the right to obtain a second estimate before the expense is incurred.)
  - c. Mother shall carry the child on her auto insurance; father shall reimburse the mother one-half of the additional cost of carrying the child.
- 5. College
  - a. Visits (Each parent may elect to take the children on college visits at their own cost.)
  - b. Post graduation costs (Each parent shall contribute to college expenses as they deem appropriate.)
- 6. Haircuts, makeup, manicures and personal items: Mother and father each agree to provide up to \$75.00 per quarter for children's haircuts, makeup, manicures, and personal items.
- 7. The parents shall maintain a record of their expenditures on direct expenses of the children in the form of receipts.  
Reimbursement/balancing of accounts: if necessary, the mother

and father shall exchange expense information each quarter by the 15th of the month following the quarter. Necessary payment to equalize shall be within 30 days of the exchange of expenses. In the event that the balance is less than \$100, no payment is necessary.

#### Sample 5

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in addition to the monetary child support as required by the shared expense formula arrangement, the parties shall share the following expenses:

- a. The Petitioner shall purchase the regular clothing for the minor children which shall go back and forth between households.
- b. The Respondent shall pay all of the school expenses, including fees, tuition, school lunch, field trips, books and supplies.
- c. The parties shall each pay one-half of the following direct expenses of the children:
  - 1) Any clothing needed for the child's special events, (which shall include, but not be limited to, scouts, prom, sports) so long as the expenditure for such clothing is reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the purchase thereof.
  - 2) The parties shall each pay one-half of any direct expenses of the child unrelated to school but relating to the education, health or fitness, so long as such expenses are reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the expenditure thereof, i.e. band instruments, portable calculator, etc.
- d. This expense sharing plan is in the best interest of the minor children.
- e. Failure to share expenses pursuant to the foregoing formula may result in a reversion to a conventional child support formula with parenting time credit.

## Sample 6

Examples of common expenses that may be shared include but are not limited to:

1. School Related Expenses
  - a. Tuition
  - b. Fees
  - c. Testing costs of standardized college admission testing
  - d. School lunches
  - e. Field Trips
2. Extracurricular activities
  - a. Pageants
  - b. Musical instruments
  - c. Sports
  - d. Dance lessons
  - e. Camp
3. Clothing
  - a. Day to day school
  - b. School uniforms
  - c. Sports uniforms
4. Transportation
  - a. Fuel for child's car
  - b. Maintenance for child's car
  - c. Insurance for child's car
5. Personal Grooming
  - a. Haircuts/Styling
  - b. Manicures
  - c. Makeup
6. Miscellaneous
  - a. Cell phone
  - b. High speed internet access