

Rule 17.200—Form 227: Request for Relief in a Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Use this form only if you have filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (201) and:

- Your spouse (Respondent) did not file an Answer, or
- Your spouse will not work with you to prepare a Settlement Agreement (228).

Caution: This form may require you to provide protected or sensitive information.

 If filing electronically and you include protected information on this form, fill out or update the Protected Information Disclosure form (211) if you have not already done so.

 If filing in paper, you may use form 211 to provide any protected information in full if you have not already done so.

If you do not understand how to use this form, or if you should use this form, talk to an attorney.

In the Iowa District Court for _____ County
County where your case is filed

Upon the Petition of

Petitioner Full name: first, middle, last

and concerning

Respondent Full name: first, middle, last

Equity case no. _____

**Request for Relief in a Dissolution
of Marriage with Children**

1. Personal Information Fill in all information that you know. If you have been assaulted by your spouse and you fear for your safety, you may leave your address, phone number, and email blank.

I am

Check A or B and fill in C and D.

A. Petitioner

B. Respondent

C. Petitioner's birth year and present residence: _____
Birth year

Petitioner's present street address City State ZIP code

County Phone number Email address

D. Respondent's birth year and present residence: _____
Birth year

Respondent's present street address City State ZIP code

County Phone number Email address

2. Request for Relief

A. Children *Check all that are true*

- (1) Petitioner and Respondent agree to the custody and visitation set out in the Agreed Parenting Plan (229). *A parenting plan must be provided to the court with the Request for Relief.*
- (2) Petitioner and Respondent do not agree about custody and visitation. I filed a Proposed Parenting Plan (230). *A parenting plan must be provided to the court with the Request for Relief.*
- (3) Petitioner has taken the children in the middle course. *Attach certificate*
- (4) Respondent has taken the children in the middle course. *Attach certificate*

B. Breakdown of marriage

The marriage is broken down and cannot be saved.

C. Counseling

Counseling will not save the marriage.

D. Waiting period before decree *Check one*

- (1) More than 90 days have passed since Respondent accepted service or was served with an Original Notice.
- (2) Fewer than 90 days have passed since Respondent accepted service or was served with an Original Notice, but I want the court to take action right away without a separate hearing because:

This paper explains how I would like to settle all issues in my divorce.

E. Financial affidavits *Check one*

- (1) I filed a Financial Affidavit (224). I certify that I have fully disclosed all income and the identity and value of all assets and debts.
- (2) I am asking that the court not require me to file a Financial Affidavit because:

F. Child support *Check all that are true*

The amount of child support is determined using the Iowa Child Support Guidelines. The Iowa Department of Human Services provides a child support estimator on its website. Go to: <https://childsupport.ia.gov/>.

- (1) Petitioner shall pay child support to Respondent in the amount of \$ _____ per month.
- (2) Petitioner shall pay child support to a third party in the amount of \$ _____ per month.

Third party's full name: first, middle, last

Present street address

City

State

ZIP code

County

- (3) Respondent shall pay child support to Petitioner in the amount of \$ _____ per month.
- (4) Respondent shall pay child support to a third party in the amount of \$ _____ per month.

Third party's full name: first, middle, last

Present street address _____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *ZIP code*

County

- (5) Child support payments shall begin on the _____ day of _____, 20____,
Month *Year*
- for the following children:

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Birth year
a.	
b.	
c.	

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Birth year
d.	
e.	
f.	

Check this box if you are attaching a separate sheet listing additional children.

- (6) Check here if you want child support to be higher or lower than the Child Support Guidelines amount. *If you check (6), write the amount you want and explain why in b.*
- a. Amount requested: \$ _____ per month
- b. Child support should be different from the Guidelines amount because:

G. Tax exemption

- (1) I ask the court to set the tax deduction as follows: *Check one for each child*

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Birth year	Parent who should now claim child for tax deduction	Every Year	Even Years	Odd Years
a.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check this box if you are attaching a separate sheet listing additional children.

(2) The deduction will start in tax year _____.
Year

Note: The parent with custody must sign IRS Form 8332 before the non-custodial parent can take the deduction. Tax forms are available from the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov>. The earned income tax credit is not the same as the tax exemption.

H. Health care expenses

I ask the court to set the health care expenses as follows: *Check all that apply*

Petitioner Respondent

- (1) will provide medical support (health insurance).
- (2) will pay the first \$ _____ of uncovered medical expenses for the children. After that amount is spent, then uncovered medical expenses shall be paid _____% by Petitioner and _____% by Respondent.
- (3) shall pay cash medical support in the amount of \$ _____ per month.

I. Division of Personal Property *Check one*

- (1) All of the personal property obtained during the marriage has been divided. I ask that Petitioner will keep the personal property in Petitioner’s possession, and Respondent will keep the personal property in Respondent’s possession. *If you check (1), skip to J.*
- (2) Our personal property has not been divided. I ask that our personal property be divided as follows:
 - a. Petitioner will get the following as Petitioner’s separate personal property:

- b. Respondent will get the following as Respondent’s separate personal property:

Check this box if you attached a separate sheet listing additional information about personal property.

Note on retirement accounts and pensions: If the divorce Decree gives you or your spouse part of the other person’s retirement account or pension, a separate order called a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) must be entered. QDROs are complicated; you should ask an attorney for help with a QDRO.

J. Division of real estate

For each parcel of real estate you own, provide the following information. Attach a separate sheet for each additional parcel.

(1) Ownership of real estate
Check one

- a. We do not own any real estate. *If you check a, skip to K.*

- b. We own real estate located at: _____,
Street address
 in the City of _____, County of _____, and
 State of _____. This land is described in the deed or contract as follows:

(2) The real estate shall be:

Check one

- a. Sold and the profit or debt divided _____% to Petitioner and _____%
 to Respondent.
 b. Awarded to Petitioner, subject to all liens and mortgages.
 c. Awarded to Respondent, subject to all liens and mortgages.
 d. Other *Explain* _____

(3) Additional real estate

- Check this box if you are attaching separate sheets for additional parcels of real estate.*

Changing title to real estate is a complicated and important step in the divorce process.
 If you will be changing title to real estate, you should talk to an attorney.

K. Division of debts

Check one

- (1) There are no debts.
 (2) I have listed all the debts I know about and ask that they be divided as follows:
Attach additional sheets if necessary.

- a. Petitioner will pay the following debts:

i. Business or person to whom a debt is owed	ii. Account number, if any <i>Last 4 numbers only</i>	iii. Total amount still owed
(a)		\$
(b)		\$
(c)		\$
(d)		\$
(e)		\$

- Check this box if you are attaching a separate sheet listing additional information about
 Petitioner's debts.*

b. Respondent will pay the following debts:

i. Business or person to whom a debt is owed	ii. Account number, if any <i>Last 4 numbers only</i>	iii. Total amount still owed
(a)		\$
(b)		\$
(c)		\$
(d)		\$
(e)		\$

Check this box if you are attaching a separate sheet listing additional information about Respondent's debts.

c. For any debt we do not know about, the spouse who made the debt will pay that debt.

You may want to close any credit cards and joint bank accounts in the names of both spouses. Closing accounts may limit the funds a former spouse has access to and may limit your liability for your former spouse's debts.

L. Cash payment

I ask that

Check one

- (1) Neither Petitioner nor Respondent pay any money to the other.
- (2) Petitioner pay Respondent \$ _____ to equalize the division of property and debts by _____, 20____.
- Month Day Year*
- (3) Respondent pay Petitioner \$ _____ to equalize the division of property and debts by _____, 20____.
- Month Day Year*

M. Spousal support (alimony)

Check one

I ask that

- (1) Neither Petitioner nor Respondent pay spousal support (alimony) to the other.
- (2) Spousal support (alimony) be paid as follows: _____
- _____
- _____

N. Name change

Check one

I ask that my last name

- (1) Not be changed.
- (2) Be changed to: _____ *Name can only be changed to name on birth certificate or name used immediately prior to the marriage.*
- Print your former or birth name*

O. Court fees

Check one

I ask that

- (1) Petitioner will pay all court fees.
- (2) Respondent will pay all court fees.
- (3) Petitioner and Respondent shall each pay one-half of the remaining court fees.
- (4) Petitioner and Respondent shall each pay one-half of the total court fees.

P. Attorney's fees

Check one

- (1) I have no attorney's fees.
- (2) I will pay my own attorney's fees.
- (3) I ask that my spouse pay me \$ _____ for attorney's fees.

Q. Necessary documents

I ask that the court require each of us to sign and deliver to each other any papers that may be needed to carry out the terms of the Decree.

R. Other request for relief _____

Check this box if you have attached a separate sheet listing additional requests for relief.

3. Statements of Understanding and Fact

Check all that apply

- A. I have made a full disclosure of my property and debts to the court.
- B. This request for relief addresses all issues in my divorce.
- C. I want the court to approve this request for relief and make it part of the final Decree.

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4. Attorney Help

Check one

- A. An attorney did not help me prepare or fill in this paper.
B. An attorney helped me prepare or fill in this paper.

If you check B, you must fill in the following information:

Name of attorney or organization, if any Attorney's P.I.N. # – Ask the attorney

Business address of attorney or organization City State ZIP code

(_____) _____ (_____) _____ _____
Attorney's phone number Attorney's fax number – optional Attorney's email address – optional

5. Certification of Service by Mailing or Delivery

Section 5 to be completed only if filing in paper or if the other party is exempt from electronic filing.

This document, if filed electronically will automatically be served on registered parties.

I, _____, certify that on _____, 20_____
Print your name Month Day Year

I mailed or gave a copy of this Request to the other party or the other party's attorney at this address:

Name of person to whom I delivered or mailed it

Party's or attorney's mailing address City State ZIP code

6. Oath and Signature

I, _____, have read this Request, and I certify under penalty
Print your name

of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information I have provided in this Request is true and correct.

_____, 20_____
Signed on: Month Day Year Your signature*

Mailing address City State ZIP code

(_____) _____ _____
Phone number Email address Additional email address, if applicable

* Whether filing electronically or in paper, you must *handwrite* your signature on this form. If you are filing electronically, scan the form after signing it and then file electronically.