

**633.376 Allowance to children who do not reside with surviving spouse.**

1. The court may also make an allowance under the same terms and conditions as provided in [section 633.374](#) of an amount the court deems reasonable in light of the assets and condition of the estate, to provide for proper support during the period of twelve months following the decedent's death to a child of the decedent who does not reside with the surviving spouse and is any of the following:

a. Less than eighteen years of age.

b. Between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two years who is any of the following:

(1) Regularly attending an accredited school in pursuance of a course of study leading to a high school diploma or its equivalent.

(2) Regularly attending a course of career and technical training either as a part of a regular school program or under special arrangements adapted to the individual person's needs.

(3) Is, in good faith, a full-time student in a college, university, or community college.

(4) Has been accepted for admission to a college, university, or community college and the next regular term has not yet begun.

c. Is a child of any age who is dependent because of physical or mental disability.

2. The estate's personal representative shall mail pursuant to [section 633.40](#), [subsection 5](#), to the legal guardian of each child qualified under [subsection 1](#) and to each child or the guardian ad litem for such child if necessary, who has no legal guardian, a written notice regarding the right to request an allowance. The notice shall inform the child and the child's guardian or guardian ad litem, if applicable, of the right to submit an application to the court, within four months after service of the notice, for support for a period of twelve months following the decedent's death. If an application for support has not been filed within four months after service of the notice by or on behalf of the child qualifying for support under [subsection 1](#), the child shall be deemed to have waived the right to support under [this section](#). A child who qualifies for support under [this section](#) or the child's guardian or guardian ad litem may waive the child's right to such support by filing an affidavit acknowledging receipt of notice and irrevocably waiving the child's right to support under [this section](#).

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §633.376]

[83 Acts, ch 101, §127](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §1497](#); [90 Acts, ch 1253, §120](#); [2009 Acts, ch 52, §7, 14](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1123, §11, 32](#); [2013 Acts, ch 90, §177](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1108, §71](#)

2012 amendment to this section applies to estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2012; [2012 Acts, ch 1123, §32](#)  
Subsection 1, paragraph b, subparagraph (2) amended