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How to Complete Your Colorado Small Estate Affidavit

Collection of Personal Property by Affidavit (C.R.S. 15-12-1201)

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR DOCUMENT.

About this form. Colorado's small estate affidavit lets the heirs or will beneficiaries of a person who died collect bank accounts, vehicles, and other **personal property** without probate, when the estate is small and has no real estate to transfer.

1. **Check that you qualify**
   At least **10 days** have passed since the death, no probate case is open, and the estate is within the yearly limit (**$88,000 for a 2026 death**).
2. **Fill in the successors and property (Pages 1–2)**
   List each successor, their share, and the property to be collected. Attach a death certificate and any will.
3. **Swear before a notary (Page 3)**
   Each affiant signs under oath before the notary. Bring a current, government-issued photo ID.

After It's Signed

- Give a copy to each bank or company holding the property. For vehicles, the DMV uses its own Form DR 2712, which we can also notarize.
- The Colorado courts also publish Form JDF 999 for this purpose. Some institutions prefer it.

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COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT

Small Estate Affidavit (C.R.S. 15-12-1201)

The affiant(s) named below, being first duly sworn, state(s):

Name of affiant / successor

Address

Name of second affiant (if any)

Address

1. The decedent named below died on the date stated. A copy of the death certificate is attached.

Name of decedent

Date of death

Last address (city, county, state)

2. At least ten days have elapsed since the death of the decedent.
3. No application or petition for the appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction.
4. The fair market value of the property owned by the decedent and subject to disposition by will or intestate succession at the time of death, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed the amount allowed by C.R.S. 15-12-1201 for the year of the decedent's death:

Year of death	2026	2025	2024	2023
Limit	$88,000	$86,000	$82,000	$80,000

(The limit is adjusted every year. For other years, confirm the amount with the court or the Colorado Department of Revenue.)

5. This affidavit does not transfer real estate.
6. The decedent left (check one):

☐ no will.

☐ a will, a copy of which is attached.

Affiant's initials: _____

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7. The affiant(s) are the successor(s) entitled to payment or delivery of the following property of the decedent, in the shares stated (heirs if no will; devisees if a will):

Name of successor — relationship — share or property

8. The property to be paid or delivered to the successor(s) is:

Description of property (bank accounts, securities, vehicles, other personal property)

9. The affiant(s) request that the property be paid or delivered as stated above. The affiant(s) understand that a person receiving the property is answerable to any person with a prior right and must account for it to the decedent's personal representative if one is later appointed.

Affiant's initials: _____

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Date

X
Affiant

X
Second affiant (if any)

JURAT

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

(date) by (name of affiant(s))

X
Notary Public

(Notary seal)

Notary's printed name

Notary ID number My commission expires

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