

**ADOPTIVE PARENT AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

**Description of Self**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name preferred to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Complexion: \_\_\_\_\_

Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Ancestry: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your personality (outgoing, shy, organized, determined, etc.):

How do you spend your leisure time (hobbies and other interests)?

What are your greatest strengths?

What are your greatest weaknesses?

What is your greatest desire right now?

**Education**

Provide information on your education, listing name and location of school, course of study, semesters completed, date of graduation, and degree received.

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**Employment History**

Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time at present employment? \_\_\_\_\_

Positions held in the last five years:

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What do you like and dislike about your job? What are your future career goals?

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## Family Information and Childhood

Name of father: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of personality: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of personality: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your parents' relationship during your childhood, and now:

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Describe your relationship with your parents. Are they supportive of your plans to adopt?

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If you have stepparent(s), describe your relationship:

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Who administered discipline in your family? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the usual form of discipline? \_\_\_\_\_

Did your parents agree on the method of discipline administered? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to discipline your children? \_\_\_\_\_

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What were some of the saddest times in your life?

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## Courtship and Marriage

If you were married before, please provide the name of your former spouse, the dates of marriage and divorce, and the circumstances of the divorce.

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How did you and your spouse meet, and how long did you date before you married?

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What attracted you to your spouse?

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What is your spouse's greatest strength?

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What is your spouse's greatest weakness?

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How are household duties divided?

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Who handles the finances?

What do you most frequently disagree over?

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How are disagreements resolved?

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How are decisions made in your family?

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What do you like to do as a couple?

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Describe your relationship with your in-laws:

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## Children

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
School grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complexion: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of personality: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
School grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complexion: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of personality: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
School grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complexion: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of personality: \_\_\_\_\_

If no children describe any previous parenting experience:

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## Home and Community

Type of construction: \_\_\_\_\_ Square feet: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of baths: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other rooms in the house: \_\_\_\_\_

Population of city: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major source of employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
What schools will your child attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where is the nearest hospital? \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe any pets you have. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Coping Abilities**

Describe a particular crisis either in your childhood or during your marriage. What effect did it have on you? How did you deal with this crisis?

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### **Motivation to Adopt**

Why do you want to be a parent?

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What is your motivation to consider adoption?

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What do you consider to be “good” about adoption?

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What do you consider to be “bad” about adoption?

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How do you plan to tell your child about adoption?

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## **Adoption Matters**

What are your childcare plans for a child placed with you?

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Do you have a will? \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of your untimely deaths, whom have you asked to be your child's guardian?  
How do they feel about this responsibility?

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Please provide any further information you feel would be helpful for us to know about you and your family.

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