

Oakland County Circuit Court - Family Division, Adoption Services

Adult Adoption Requirements

1. A certified copy of the birth certificate of adoptee. It must have a raised seal. Hospital verification or birth certificate verification without the names of parent(s) is not acceptable. The adoptee's birth certificate will remain in the adoption file.
2. Copies (not originals) of birth certificates for the petitioners.
3. All adoption petitioners are required to be fingerprinted through the LIVE SCAN system. Your adoption caseworker will provide you with the correct form at the time of appointment.
4. A copy (not original) of marriage certificate for petitioners.
5. Copies (not originals) of ALL pages of divorce judgments of ALL previous marriages for both petitioners.
6. If adoptee is married, copy (not original) of marriage certificate.
7. Copy (not original) of Order to Change Name, if the adoptee has had a name change.
8. A written statement signed by the adoptee giving the reasons for the adoption. If the adoptee is being adopted by a current stepparent, the statement must also indicate that the adoptee understands he/she will remain an heir to his/her biological parent whose rights are terminated by the adoption. If the adoptee is being adopted by an ex-stepparent or unrelated persons, it must indicate that the adoptee understands he/she will no longer be an heir to his/her biological parents whose rights are terminated by the adoption. (MCL 700.2114(2)) In either case, the parent(s) whose rights is/are terminated is/are no longer an heir to the adoptee.
9. A written statement signed by the petitioner stating the reasons for the adoption and requesting the court to grant immediate confirmation to the petition.
10. Completed adoption questionnaire-signed by petitioners. Be sure to give complete information about the birth parent(s), as it is required that he/she receives notice of the adoption.

A Consent to Adoption must be signed by the adult adoptee at a hearing before a court referee. The consent hearing will be scheduled after the initial interview with the petitioners.

The birth parent(s) will be sent a notice of the adoptee's consent hearing. The birth parent(s) presence at the consent hearing is not required. The adoptee is the only person whose presence is required at the consent hearing.