

Oakland County Circuit Court - Family Division, Adoption Services

Adult Adoption Requirements

1. Copy of the adoptee's birth certificate (original is necessary if the adoptee was born in another state or country)
2. Copies (not originals) of the petitioners' birth certificates.
3. Copy of the petitioners' marriage certificate.
4. If the adoptee's biological/legal parent is deceased, a copy of the death certificate
5. Copies of all pages of divorce judgments of all previous marriages for both petitioners.
6. If the adoptee is married, copy of his or her marriage certificate.
7. If adoptee's name has been changed, a copy of the court order changing the name.
8. A short, written statement from the adoptee giving reason for adoption.
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 adult adoption questionnaire, signed by petitioners. Be sure to give complete information about the birth parent(s), since it is required that he or she receives notice of the adoption.

There will be an informal interview in the adoption office with the caseworker. A *Consent to Adoption* is signed by the adult adoptee at a private 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.