

Autobiography Questions

Directions: These questions should serve as a guideline. Please feel free to add any additional information that you feel is relevant to your adoption plans. Please answer questions on a separate sheet of paper. If you have any questions, please call Claire at the number listed above. You may submit responses through regular mail, or as an attachment through e-mail (WORD/PDF document preferred). Thank you!

Individual Questions

(To be answered by each applicant)

1. Full legal name, including maiden name or AKAs.
2. Date and place of birth.
3. Full names and ages of parents. Are they living? If not, cause of death? Where do they live? Please describe frequency of contact, quality of relationship, and their involvement in this adoption, if applicable.
4. Full names and ages of siblings. Please answer same questions as in #3.
5. What are siblings' professions? Do they have spouses/children?
6. Where did you grow up?
7. Describe interests and activities you enjoyed as a child.
8. Did you have chores and other responsibilities?
9. What are/were your parents' professions?
10. How would you describe your parents' parenting styles/discipline? What was your specific role in the family?
11. What values did your parents believe in? Did they encourage specific interests/ideas in you as you were growing up?
12. Please describe your school experience, including extracurricular activities. Please list name of high school, and graduation year.
13. Please describe your college experience, including extracurricular activities. Please list name of college(s), and year degree(s) received.
14. Please briefly describe your employment history.
15. What is your current profession? How long have you been employed with this company? Do you enjoy your work? Please describe your duties and responsibilities.
16. If applicable, how will you change your schedule to accommodate the care of a child?
17. Do you attend church, synagogue, or participate in any organized religion? What part, if any, does religion play in your life?

18. Please describe hobbies, enjoyed activities, and any current projects you are working on.
19. Who is in your support system?
20. Please list one or more things you look forward to sharing with your adopted child(ren).
21. Why are you choosing to pursue an adoption at this time?

Family Questions

(To be answered together)

1. Date and location of marriage (if applicable).
2. Have either of you been divorced? If so, please list length of marriage (ex. – 1999-2003), first name of ex-spouse, and reasons for divorce.
3. Please briefly describe the “history” of your relationship – how you met, etc.
4. What are some strengths in your marriage/relationship? What are some areas of weakness?
5. Do you currently have children? Please list names, ages, year in school and enjoyed activities.
6. If you are going to be first-time parents, please describe your parenting experience (time spent with other children, classes taken, etc.)
7. Please describe activities you enjoy as a couple/family.
8. (To be answered by each partner): Please choose three words to describe your partner. If you currently have children, please do the same for them.
9. What methods do you plan to use when it comes to disciplining your child(ren)?
10. What religious experience (if any) do you plan to give your child?
11. When you encounter individual or family difficulties, how do you work through this?
12. How do you plan to discuss adoption with your child(ren)? How will the birth parents be involved (if applicable)?
13. How have you prepared for this adoption? (Classes, books read, discussions with other adoptive parents, research, etc.)
14. What are your child care/day care plans for your child(ren)?

Community/Home

(To be answered together)

1. Please name and describe the community in which you currently live.
2. Please describe your family home. How long have you lived there? Do you have any plans to move in the near future?

Additional Information

(Optional)

Please add any additional information you wish to be considered for this home study process.