

PETITION FOR ADOPTION
(Section 26-10A-16, Ala. Code 1975)

Probate Court
Case No.:

STATE OF ALABAMA

MOBILE COUNTY

PETITIONER MUST COMPLETELY FILL OUT THIS FORM

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of [Full Name(s) of Petitioner(s)]:

To Adopt _____ (Name of Person)

[Check only one of the following boxes]: [] a minor; [] an adult,

TO THE HONORABLE DON DAVIS, JUDGE OF PROBATE OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Comes now the above-named Petitioner(s), wishing to adopt the person named above pursuant to the laws of the State of Alabama, who allege(s) the following (*Check which boxes are applicable*):

[] 1. The Petitioner(s), _____ [full name(s) of petitioner(s)], [] is/are (a) resident(s) of, or [] is/are in military service in, or [] [for offices of any agency or institution operating under the laws of this state having guardianship or custody of a minor or adult is located, specifically _____ [Business Address, city or town, state, and zip code]] has/have an office in, the State of Alabama and the county(ies) of _____ . The age(s) and his/her/their home or business address(es) including city(ies) or town(s), state(s), and zip code(s) are as follows: _____

[] 2. The Petitioners are married which marriage occurred on _____ (date), in _____ (city or town and state).

[] 3. The Petitioner(s) respectfully petition(s) this Court for leave to adopt the above-named person, whose birth name is _____, with more detailed information set out below

[] Other Name(s) By Which the Person Has Been Known: _____

[] Proposed New Name of Person: _____

[] City or Town, County, and State in Which the Person Now Resides or Has a Legal Residence: _____

[] The person, who is a minor, is not in the custody of the Petitioner(s) but the Petitioner(s) intend(s) to acquire custody on _____ (date).

[] Date and City or Town, County, and State of Birth of Person: _____

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The reason(s) why the person is being adopted (*Check which boxes are applicable*):

- ☐ The person is a minor;
- ☐ The person is an adult stepchild by marriage;
- ☐ The person is an adult who consents in writing to be adopted and is related to any degree of kinship as defined by the intestacy laws of Alabama;
- ☐ The person is an adult who is totally and permanently disabled;
- ☐ The person is an adult who has been determined to be mentally retarded.
- ☐ The person is an adult who consents in writing to be adopted by an adult man and woman who are husband and wife.

☐ 4. The person's name after adoption shall be as follows:

☐ 5. The Petitioner(s) wish(es) to establish a parent-child relationship with the person being adopted, and the Petitioner(s) represent(s) to the Court that he/she/they is/are (a) fit and proper person(s) able to care for and provide for the adopted person's welfare.

☐ 6. The above-named person being adopted is related to the Petitioner(s) as follows:

☐ 7. The Petitioner(s) aver(s) that the above-named person being adopted is now in the custody of (*If applicable, name(s) and home or business address(es), including city(ies) or town(s), state(s), and zip code(s), of any person(s), agency(ies), etc. who or which currently have custody of the above-named person to be adopted*):

Name, County, and State of Court Issuing Custody Order and Date of Order:

☐ 8. The Petitioner(s) further aver(s) that there exist(s) the following order(s) of court regarding guardianship and/or conservatorship, and/or custody and/or visitation with, or access to, the person being adopted [*Name(s), County(ies), and State(s) of Court(s) Issuing Custody, Visitation, or Access Order(s) and Date(s) of Order(s)*]:

☐ 8a. The Petitioner(s) further aver(s) that the following action(s) relating to the custody, support, visitation, or other matter(s), relating to the person being adopted (*Name(s), County(ies), and State(s) of Court(s) Where Case(s) Was/Were Filed*):

☐ 9. If applicable, the name(s) and business address(es) [including city(ies) or town(s), state(s), and zip code(s)] of the placing agency(ies) is/are as follows:

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[] 10. The name(s), relationship(s), age(s), and home or business address(es) of a/the person(s) known to the Petitioner(s) at the time of the filing of this Petition from whom (a) consent(s) or relinquishment(s) to this adoption are required by law are as follows:

Name/Relationship	Age	Home or Business Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

[] 11. The person who is being adopted has been in the home of the Petitioner(s) since (date):

Attached to this Petition is a copy of the birth certificate of the person who is a minor being adopted or a copy of an affidavit stating that an application for a birth certificate has been made (except in cases where a minor has been abandoned).

The premises considered, the Petitioner(s) pray(s) that this Court will do the following, if applicable: (1) take jurisdiction of the matters contained in this Petition for Adoption; (2) if applicable, issue an interlocutory order delegating custody and/or the responsibility for care, maintenance, and support of the persons being adopted; (3) set a time and date for a dispositional hearing; and (4) make such other and further orders and decrees as may be necessary to effectuate the legal adoption of the person.

Dated this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Petitioner

STATE OF _____
_____ COUNTY

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for the above-named County and State, hereby certify that _____

_____, whose names(s) is/are signed to the foregoing Petition and who is/are known to me, who being first duly sworn on oath, acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of this Petition, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Attorney: _____

Notary Public
(My commission expires: _____)