

PETITION FOR ADOPTION
(Ala. Code §26-10F-8 (1975))

Probate Court
Case No.: _____

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF _____

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) an adult,

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 an 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 to one another, effective _____ (date), in _____ (state). (see attached)

☐ 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 of Has a Legal Residence: _____

☐ 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 (*The reason(s) must be supported by the presentation of clear and convincing evidence at the dispositional hearing.*)

(Check which boxes are applicable):

- ☐ The person is an adult stepchild or former stepchild by marriage;
- ☐ The person is an adult who is related by any degree of kinship as defined by the intestacy laws of Alabama;
- ☐ The person is an adult with a total and permanent disability;
- ☐ The person is an adult determined to be incapacitated pursuant to Ala. Code §26-2A-20 (1975);
- ☐ The person is an adult who has been in a de facto parent-children relationship with each petitioner during the minority of the adoptee **for at least one year** preceding the filing of the petition and the petitioner(s) maintain a continuous familial relationship with the adoptee;
- ☐ The person is an adult who is a United States citizen and there exists a multi-year relationship akin to that between a parent and child and the adoption is for a legitimate purpose.

☐ 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) to this adoption are required by law are as follows:

Name/Relationship

Age

Home or Business Address

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Attached to this Petition is a copy of the birth certificate of the person being adopted.

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 ALABAMA

COUNTY OF _____

I, the undersigned authority, in and for said County and State, hereby certify that _____ whose name(s) is/are signed to the foregoing and who is/are known to me, who being first duly sworn, acknowledged before me on this day, that the statements contained herein are true and correct and I/we executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

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

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public

(My commission expires: _____)

Attorney: _____

