



Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-600A
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| The applicant is: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried | The state of the child's proposed residence: <input type="checkbox"/> HAS preadoptive requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT HAVE preadoptive requirements. Describe preadoption requirements (<i>if any</i>). _____ _____ _____ | The preadoption requirements: <input type="checkbox"/> WERE met. <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE NOT BEEN met. | <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Fee Stamp</div> |
| The applicant: <input type="checkbox"/> WILL provide proper care to a child if admitted to the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> WILL NOT provide proper care to a child if admitted to the United States. | | File Number | DD |
| | | Date of Favorable Determination | District |
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▶ **START HERE - Type or print legibly in black ink.** *This application is made by a prospective adoptive parent for advance processing of an orphan petition.*

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant)

1. Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)

2. Other Names You Have Used (including maiden name, nicknames, and aliases, if any)

Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)

3. U.S. Mailing Address (if any)

In Care Of Name

Street Number and Name Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town State ZIP Code

4. Is your current U.S. mailing address the same as your U.S. physical address? Yes No

If you answered "No" to **Item Number 4.**, provide your U.S. physical address in **Item Number 5.** or your address abroad in **Item Number 6.**, as appropriate.

5. U.S. Physical Address (if any)

Street Number and Name Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town State ZIP Code

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

6. Address Abroad (if any)

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

Province

Postal Code

Country

7. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

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8. City/Town/Village of Birth

9. State or Province of Birth

10. Country of Birth

11. Information About U.S. Citizenship

A. Are you a citizen of the United States?

Yes No

NOTE: If you answered "No," you may NOT file Form I-600A. See the **What Are the Eligibility Requirements?** section of the Form I-600A instructions for more information.

B. How did you acquire your U.S. citizenship? Birth Parents Naturalization

C. If you acquired your citizenship through your parents, have you obtained a Certificate of Citizenship in your own name?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide the following information about your Certificate of Citizenship:

Name Under Which the Certificate of Citizenship Was Issued

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name (if applicable)

Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

▶ **A-**

Certificate of Citizenship Number

Date of Issuance

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

Place of Issuance

D. If you acquired your citizenship through naturalization, provide the following information about your Certificate of Naturalization:

Name Under Which the Certificate of Naturalization Was Issued

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name (if applicable)

A-Number (if any)

▶ **A-**

Certificate of Naturalization Number

Date of Naturalization

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

Place of Naturalization

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

12. Have you, or any person through whom you claimed citizenship, **EVER** lost U.S. citizenship? Yes No

NOTE: If you answered "Yes," attach a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

13. What is your marital status? Married Widowed Divorced Single

14. How many times have you been married (including your current marriage, if applicable)?

15. Date of Current Marriage (if applicable) 16. Place Where Current Marriage Occurred (if applicable)

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

17. Information About Your Current Spouse (if applicable)

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name (if applicable)

Other Names Your Current Spouse Has Used (including maiden name, nicknames, and aliases, if any)

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name (if applicable)

Date of Birth

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

A-Number (if any)

▶ A-

City/Town/Village of Birth

State or Province of Birth

Country of Birth

Spouse's Immigration Status

18. How many times has your current spouse been married (including your current marriage, if applicable)?

19. Does your current spouse reside with you? Yes No

If you answered "No," provide your current spouse's physical address in **Item Number 20.**

20. Your Current Spouse's Physical Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

21. How many persons 18 years of age or older, other than your current spouse (if married), reside with you?

If you answered "1" or more, you **MUST** complete Form I-600A/I-600 Supplement 1, Listing of Adult Member of the Household, for each person.

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

22. Have you ever previously filed Form I-600A, Form I-600, *Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative*, Form I-800A, *Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child From a Convention Country*, or Form I-800, *Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative*? Yes No

If "Yes," provide the following:

A. Type of Application/Petition Filed

B. Result - Check the box that best describes the action taken by USCIS and/or U.S. Department of State on your application and/or petition.

Approved - Approval Date (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

Denied - Denial Date (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

NOTE: A copy of the denial notice must accompany this application.

Other - Explain _____

C. A detailed description of any previous Form I-600 or Form I-800 filing that resulted in a disruption prior to finalization of the adoption or that resulted in a completed adoption that was later dissolved either in the United States or abroad.

NOTE: If you need extra space to complete this question, attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; include the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

Duty of Disclosure

You and your spouse (if married), must answer the following questions. See the **Duty of Disclosure** section in the instructions to Form I-600A concerning your ongoing duty to disclose information in response to these questions. If you or your spouse answer "Yes" to any of these questions, provide a certified copy of the documentation showing the final disposition of each incident which resulted in arrest, indictment, conviction, and/or any other judicial or administrative action and a written statement giving details, including any mitigating circumstances about each arrest, signed by you and/or your spouse (if married) under penalty of perjury under U.S. law. The written statement must show the date of each incident; place incident occurred (city/town, state/province, country); name of police department or other law enforcement administration or other entity involved; date of incarceration and name of facility, if applicable. Provide a description of any type of counseling, rehabilitation, or other information that you and your spouse (if married) would like considered in light of this history on a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

23. Have you **EVER**, whether in or outside the United States:

A. Been arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding traffic violations, but including driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant, even if the record of the arrest, conviction, or other adverse criminal history was expunged, sealed, pardoned, or the subject of any other amelioration? Yes No

B. Been the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? Yes No

C. Received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation or parole, or in an alternative sentencing or rehabilitation program, such as diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred or withheld adjudication, or expungement of a criminal charge? Yes No

Part 1. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)

D. At any time been the subject of any investigation by any child welfare agency, court, or other official authority in any state or foreign country concerning the abuse or neglect of any child, *other than* an investigation that has been completed and formally closed based on a finding that the allegation of abuse or neglect was unfounded or unsubstantiated? Yes No

24. Has your spouse **EVER**, whether in or outside the United States:

A. Been arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding traffic violations, but including driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant, even if the record of the arrest, conviction, or other adverse criminal history was expunged, sealed, pardoned, or the subject of any other amelioration? Yes No

B. Been the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? Yes No

C. Received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation or parole, or in an alternative sentencing or rehabilitation program, such as diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred or withheld adjudication, or expungement of a criminal charge? Yes No

D. At any time been the subject of any investigation by any child welfare agency, court, or other official authority in any state or foreign country concerning the abuse or neglect of any child, *other than* an investigation that has been completed and formally closed based on a finding that the allegation of abuse or neglect was unfounded or unsubstantiated? Yes No

Part 2. Information About Your Home Study Preparer and/or Adoption Service Provider

1. Your home study:

A. **IS** attached to this Form I-600A.

B. **IS NOT** attached to this Form I-600A because of state requirements necessitating review and documentation. The appropriate state authority has indicated that it will submit the home study directly to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). (Do not submit your Form I-600A to USCIS until the state authority is ready to send your home study to USCIS.)

C. Will be submitted within one year from the date of this Form I-600A filing. (If your home study is not received within one year, your Form I-600A application will be denied under 8 CFR 204.3(c)(2) and (h)(5).)

2. Select one of the following options for which you will provide a name, address, and contact information in **Item Number 3**:

A. The adoption service provider that is responsible for your home study (i.e., the accredited agency as defined in 22 CFR 96.2, that prepared your home study or reviewed and approved your home study after it was prepared by another authorized home study preparer, or the public domestic authority, as defined in 22 CFR 96.2, that prepared your home study); **or**

B. The primary adoption service provider who is responsible in your case, if you have already identified a primary adoption service provider. (A primary adoption service provider is an accredited agency or approved person who is responsible under 22 CFR 96.14 for ensuring the six adoption services defined in 22 CFR 96.2 are provided, supervising and being responsible for supervised providers where used, and developing and implementing a service plan in accordance with 22 CFR 96.44.)

3. Provide the name and contact information of your adoption service provider.

A. Name of Adoption Service Provider

B. Point of Contact Within the Organization

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Part 2. Information About Your Home Study Preparer and/or Adoption Service Provider (continued)

C. Provider's Mailing Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr.

Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

D. Provider's Daytime Telephone Number

E. Provider's Fax Number (if any)

F. Provider's Email Address (if any)

Part 3. General Information

1. Do you or your spouse (if married) plan to travel abroad to locate or adopt a child? Yes No

2. If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 1.**, provide the following information (if available):

A. Your intended departure date

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

Your spouse's intended departure date

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

B. Place to which you or your spouse (if married) are traveling

City or Town

Province

Country

3. Will you and your spouse (if married) adopt the child abroad after either you or your spouse (if married) have personally seen and observed the child? Yes No

4. Provide a written description of the pre-adoption requirements, if any, of the state of the child's proposed residence if you know that the child will be adopted in the United States. Cite any relevant state statutes and regulations, and describe the steps you have already taken or will take to comply with these requirements. Note and explain any pre-adoption requirements that you cannot meet at this time due to operation of state law.

NOTE: If you need extra space to complete this **Item Number**, attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

5. What is the intended country of adoption (if known)?

Part 3. General Information (continued)

6. Where do you wish to file your orphan petition? (Complete **one** of the options below)

A. The USCIS office located at:

OR

B. The U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate located at:

7. Do you plan to adopt more than one child?

Yes No

8. If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 7.**, enter the number of children you plan to adopt.

Part 4. Accommodations for Individuals With Disabilities and/or Impairments

1. Are you requesting an accommodation because of disabilities and/or impairments?

Yes No

2. If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 1.**, select all applicable boxes below to indicate who has the disabilities and/or impairments.

Applicant Spouse Other Household Member

3. If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 1.**, select all applicable boxes below. Provide information for each person with the disabilities and/or impairments.

A. Deaf or hard of hearing and request the following accommodations (If requesting a sign-language interpreter, indicate for which language (e.g., American Sign Language):

B. Blind or have low vision and request the following accommodations:

C. Another type of disability and/or impairment. (Describe the nature of the disability and/or impairment and accommodation you are requesting):

Part 5. Applicant's Statement, ASC Acknowledgement (if applicable), Certification, Signature, and Contact Information

Applicant's Statement

Select the box for either **Item Number 1.A.** or **1.B.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

1.A. I can read and understand English, and have read and understand each and every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to each question. I have read and understand the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** (if applicable).

1.B. The interpreter named in **Part 9.** has read to me each and every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to each question, in , a language in which I am fluent. I understand each and every question and instruction on this application as translated to me by my interpreter, and have provided complete, true, and correct responses. The interpreter named in **Part 9.** also has read the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** (if applicable) to me, in the language in which I am fluent, and I understand this ASC Acknowledgement as read to me by my interpreter.

Part 5. Applicant's Statement, ASC Acknowledgement (if applicable), Certification, Signature, and Contact Information (continued)

2. I have requested the services of and consented to , who is is not an attorney or accredited representative, preparing this application for me. This person who assisted me in preparing my application has reviewed the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** (if applicable) with me and I understand the ASC Acknowledgement.

Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center (if applicable)

I, , understand that the purpose of a USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) appointment is for me to provide my fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature and to reverify that all of the information in my application is complete, true, and correct and was provided by me. I understand that I will sign my name to the following declaration which USCIS will display to me at the time I provide my fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature during my ASC appointment:

By signing here, I declare under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed and understand this application as identified by the receipt number displayed on the screen above, and all supporting documents, applications, petitions, or requests filed with this application that I (or my attorney or accredited representative) filed with USCIS, and that all of the information in these materials is complete, true, and correct.

I also understand that when I sign my name, provide my fingerprints, and am photographed at the USCIS ASC, I will be reverifying that I willingly submit this application; I have reviewed the contents of this application; all of the information in this application and all supporting documents submitted with my application are complete, true, and correct; and if I was assisted in completing this application, the person assisting me also reviewed this **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** (if applicable) with me.

Applicant's Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information in this application and any document submitted with this application is complete, true, and correct.

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from my records that USCIS may need to determine my suitability and eligibility as an adoptive parent.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration of U.S. immigration laws.

Applicant's Signature

3. Applicant's Signature Date of Signature
➔ (mm/dd/yyyy) ➔

Applicant's Contact Information

4. Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number
5. Applicant's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Applicant's Email Address (if any)

Part 6. Applicant's Duty of Disclosure

Certification: I understand the ongoing duty to disclose information concerning my suitability and eligibility as an adoptive parent, as described in the Form I-600A and/or Form I-600 instructions, and I agree to notify the home study preparer and USCIS of any new information that I am required to disclose.

Applicant's Signature



Date of Signature

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

Part 7. Spouse's Statement, ASC Acknowledgement (if applicable), Certification, Signature, and Contact Information

Spouse's Statement

Select the box for either **Item Number 1.A.** or **1.B.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

1.A. I can read and understand English, and have read and understand each and every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to each question. I have read and understand the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** (if applicable).

1.B. The interpreter named in **Part 9.** has read to me each and every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to each question, in , a language in which I am fluent.

I understand each and every question and instruction on this application as translated to me by my interpreter, and have provided complete, true, and correct responses. The interpreter named in **Part 9.** also has read the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** (if applicable) to me, in the language in which I am fluent, and I understand this ASC Acknowledgement as read to me by my interpreter.

2. I have requested the services of and consented to , who is is not an attorney or accredited representative, preparing this application for me. This person who assisted me in preparing this application has reviewed the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** (if applicable) with me and I understand the ASC Acknowledgement.

Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center (if applicable)

I, , understand that the purpose of a USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) appointment is for me to provide my fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature and to reverify that all of the information in this application is complete, true, and correct and was provided by me or my spouse. I understand that I will sign my name to the following declaration which USCIS will display to me at the time I provide my fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature during my ASC appointment:

By signing here, I declare under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed and understand this application as identified by the receipt number displayed on the screen above, and all supporting documents, applications, petitions, or requests filed with this application that I (or my attorney or accredited representative) filed with USCIS, and that all of the information in these materials is complete, true, and correct.

I also understand that when I sign my name, provide my fingerprints, and am photographed at the USCIS ASC, I will be reverifying that I willingly submit this application; I have reviewed the contents of this application; all of the information in this application and all supporting documents submitted with my application are complete, true, and correct; and if I was assisted in completing this application, the person assisting me also reviewed this **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center** (if applicable) with me.

Spouse's Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information in this application and any document submitted with this application is complete, true, and correct.

Part 7. Spouse's Statement, ASC Acknowledgement (if applicable), Certification, Signature, and Contact Information (continued)

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from my records that USCIS may need to determine my suitability and eligibility as an adoptive parent.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration of U.S. immigration laws.

Spouse's Signature

3. Spouse's Signature Date of Signature
(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

Spouse's Contact Information

4. Spouse's Daytime Telephone Number 5. Spouse's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Spouse's Email Address (if any)

Part 8. Spouse's Duty of Disclosure

Certification: I understand the ongoing duty to disclose information concerning my suitability and eligibility as an adoptive parent, as described in the Form I-600A and/or Form I-600 instructions, and I agree to notify the home study preparer and USCIS of any new information that I am required to disclose.

Spouse's Signature Date of Signature
(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

Part 9. Interpreter's Name, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

If you and/or your spouse (if married) used an interpreter to read and complete this application, the interpreter must provide the following information:

Interpreter's Full Name

1. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name) Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)
2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)

Interpreter's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
City or Town State ZIP Code
Province Postal Code Country

Part 9. Interpreter's Name, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (continued)

Interpreter's Contact Information

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number

5. Interpreter's Email Address (if any)

Interpreter's Certification

I certify that:

I am fluent in English and .

I have read and accurately translated to this applicant and/or the applicant's spouse (if married) every question and instruction on this application, as well as the answer to each question, in the language in which he and/or she is fluent.

I have read and accurately translated the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center (ASC)** (if applicable) to the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse, in the language in which he and/or she is fluent.

The applicant and/or the applicant's spouse has informed me that he and/or she understands every instruction and question on the application, as well as the answer to each question.

The applicant and/or the applicant's spouse also has informed me that he and/or she understands the ASC Acknowledgement and that by appearing for a USCIS ASC biometric services appointment and providing his and/or her fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature, he and/or she will be reaffirming that the contents of this application and all supporting documentation are complete, true, and correct.

Interpreter's Signature

6. Interpreter's Signature

Date of Signature

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

Part 10. Name, Contact Information, Statement, Certification, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant and/or Spouse

If you and/or your spouse (if married) used a preparer to complete this application, the preparer must provide the following information:

Preparer's Full Name

1. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)

Preparer's Given Name (First Name)

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

Preparer's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

Part 10. Name, Contact Information, Statement, Certification, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant and/or Spouse (continued)

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number

5. Preparer's Fax Number (if any)

6. Preparer's Email Address (if any)

Preparer's Statement

7.A. I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse (if married) and with the applicant's and/or the applicant's spouse's consent.

7.B. I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse (if married) in this case (choose one) extends does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.

Preparer's Certification

By my signature, I certify, swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application on behalf of, at the request of, and with the express consent of the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse (if married). I completed this application based only on responses the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse provided to me. After completing the application, I reviewed it and all of the applicant's and/or the applicant's spouse's responses with the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse, who agreed with each and every answer on the application. If the applicant and/or applicant's spouse supplied additional information concerning a question on the application, I recorded it on the application. I also have read the **Acknowledgement of Appointment at USCIS Application Support Center (ASC)** (if applicable) to the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse and the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse has informed me that he and/or she understands the ASC Acknowledgement.

Preparer's Signature

8. Preparer's Signature

Date of Signature

(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶