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**Form I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition**

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| **Pages 1-6,**  **Part 1. Information About You** (Applicant) | **[page 3]**  **…**  **16.** Have you **EVER** renounced or lost U.S. citizenship or has anyone you obtained citizenship through (such as your parent or grandparent) **EVER** lost U.S. citizenship?  Yes  No  **NOTE:** If you answered “Yes,” provide a detailed explanation in the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information**.  **17.** What is your marital status?  Single  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  **18.** How many times have you been married (including your current marriage, if applicable)?  **NOTE:** If you are not currently married, skip to **Item Number 30.**  ***Information About Your Current Marriage***  **19.** Date of Current Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy)  **20.** Place Where Current Marriage Occurred  **21.** Name of Your Current Spouse  Family Name (Last Name)  Given Name (First Name)  Middle Name (if applicable)  **22.** Other Names Your Current Spouse Has Used (if any)  Provide all other names your spouse has ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**  Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)  **23.** Information About Your Current Spouse  Spouse’s Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)  Spouse’s A-Number (if any)  Spouse’s USCIS Online Account Number (if any)  Spouse’s City/Town/Village of Birth Spouse’s State or Province of Birth Spouse’s Country of Birth  **[Page 4]**  Is your spouse a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No  If you answered “Yes,” how did your spouse obtain citizenship?  Birth  Naturalization  Parents  If you answered “No,” provide your spouse’s current U.S. immigration status:  **24.** How many times has your current spouse been married (including your current marriage, if applicable)?  ***Your Spouse’s Contact Information***  **25.** Does your current spouse reside with you?  Yes  No  If you answered “No,” provide your current spouse's physical address in **Item Number 26.**  **26.** Your Current Spouse's Physical Address (if applicable) Street Number and Name  Apt. Ste. Flr. Number City or Town  State  ZIP Code Province Postal Code  Country  **27.** Your Spouse’s Daytime Telephone Number  **28.** Your Spouse’s Mobile Telephone Number (If any)  **29.** Your Spouse’s Email Address (if any)  ***Additional Household Members***  **30.** How many persons 18 years of age or older (other than your 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.  **31.** List all of your children who are under 18 years of age. Also include any other children under 18 years of age who reside in your household, regardless of your relationship to those children. If you need extra space to complete this table, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**  [Table 5 entries]  **Name** (First/Middle/Last)  **Date of Birth** (mm/dd/yyyy)  **Country of Birth**  **A-Number** (if any)  **Relationship to You** (if any)  **[Page 5]**  ***Information About Prior Filings or Adoptions***  If you need extra space to complete **Item Numbers 32. - 37.,** use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**  **32.** 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 you answered "Yes," provide the following information for **EACH** petition and/or application:  Type of Petition/Application Filed:  Form I-600A  Form I-600  Form I-800A  Form I-800  Form I-130 (for an adopted child)  Result:  Approved  Denied  Withdrawn  Revoked  Other (please explain): [fillable field]  Date (mm/dd/yyyy)  **33.** Have you previously completed a domestic adoption of a child within the U.S.?  Yes  No  If you answered “Yes,” provide the following information for each completed domestic adoption of a child.  State And Country Where Adoption Was Finalized  Date Adoption Was Finalized (mm/dd/yyyy)  **34.** Have you ever previously attempted to adopt a child internationally or domestically, but the adoption was disrupted before it was finalized? An adoption is disrupted if you (or a custodian escorting the child on your behalf) are granted legal custody or guardianship of the child but the adoptive placement is interrupted before the adoption was finalized.  Yes  No  If you answered “Yes,” provide a detailed description of the disruption.  [Fillable field]  **35.** Have you ever previously completed an adoption, either in the United States or abroad, that was later dissolved? An adoption is dissolved if your parental rights over the adopted child are terminated at any time after the adoption was finalized.  Yes  No  If you answered “Yes,” provide a detailed description of the dissolution.  [Fillable field]  **36.** Have you ever previously placed a child in the care of another person with the intent to transfer permanent custody of the child?  Yes  No  If you answered “Yes,” provide a detailed description of the placement.  [Fillable field]  **37.** Have you ever received a child with the intent to gain permanent custody but without involving child welfare or other state/local authorities or following a state/local process?  Yes  No  If you answered “Yes,” provide a detailed description of the custody transfer.  [Fillable field]  **[Page 6]**  ***Duty of Disclosure***  You and your spouse (if married), must answer the following questions. See the **Duty of Disclosure** section in the Form I-600A Instructions concerning your ongoing duty to disclose information in response to these questions. If you or your spouse answer "Yes" to any of the questions in **Item Numbers 38. and 39.,** 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 in the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**  **38.** Have you **EVER**, whether in or outside the United States:  **A.** Been investigated, arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance? (Answer “Yes” even if the record of the arrest, conviction, or other adverse criminal history was expunged, sealed, pardoned, or the subject of any other amelioration. Do not include traffic violations, except for violations for driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant.)  Yes  No  **B.** Received 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 been 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.** Been the subject of any investigation at any time, even if closed or unsubstantiated, by any child welfare agency, court, or other official authority in any state or foreign country concerning the abuse or neglect of any child?  Yes  No  **39.** Has your spouse **EVER**, whether in or outside the United States:  **A.** Been investigated, arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance? (Answer “Yes,” even if the record of the arrest, conviction, or other adverse criminal history was expunged, sealed, pardoned, or the subject of any other amelioration. Do not include traffic violations, except for violations for driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant.)  Yes  No  **B.** Received 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 been in an alternative sentencing or rehabilitation program, such as diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred or withheld adjudication, or expungement of a criminal charge?  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Yes  No | **[page 3]**  **…**  [no change]  ***Your Biographic Information***  **NOTE:** If you previously filed Form I-600A and provided biographic information, skip to **Item Number 23.**  Otherwise, provide biographic information about you, the petitioner.  **17.** Ethnicity (Select **only one** box)  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino  **18.** Race (Select all applicable boxes)  American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White  **19.** Height  Feet Inches  **20.** Weight  Pounds  **21.** Eye Color (Select **only one** box)  Black  Blue  Brown  Gray  Green  Hazel  Maroon  Pink  Unknown/Other  **22.** Hair Color (Select **only one** box)  Bald (No hair)  Black  Blond  Brown  Gray  Red  Sandy  White  Unknown/Other  ***Information About Your Marriage(s)***  **23.** What is your marital status?  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If you or your spouse answer "Yes" to any of the questions in **Item Numbers 44. and 45.,** 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 in the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**  **44.** Have you **EVER**, whether in or outside the United States:  **A.** Been investigated, arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance? (Answer “Yes” even if the record of the arrest, conviction, or other adverse criminal history was expunged, sealed, pardoned, or the subject of any other amelioration. Do not include traffic violations, except for violations for driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant.)  Yes  No  **B.** Received 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 been in an alternative sentencing or rehabilitation program, such as diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred or withheld adjudication, or expungement of a criminal charge?  Yes  No  **[Page 7]**  **D.** Been the subject of any investigation at any time, even if closed or unsubstantiated, by any child welfare agency, court, or other official authority in any state or foreign country concerning the abuse or neglect of any child?  Yes  No  **45.** Has your spouse **EVER**, whether in or outside the United States:  **A.** Been investigated, arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance? (Answer “Yes,” even if the record of the arrest, conviction, or other adverse criminal history was expunged, sealed, pardoned, or the subject of any other amelioration. Do not include traffic violations, except for violations for driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant.)  Yes  No  **B.** Received the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action?  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| **Pages 7-9,**  **Part 2. Information About Your Home Study Preparer and/or Adoption Service Provider** | **[Page 7]**  **Part 2. Information About Your Home Study Preparer and/or Adoption Service Provider**  **…** | **[Page 7]**  **Part 2. Information About Your Home Study Preparer and/or Primary Adoption Service Provider**  **…** |
| **Pages 10-11,**  **Part 5. Applicant's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature** | **[Page 10]**  **Part 5. Applicant’s Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature**  **NOTE:** Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-600A Instructions before completing this section.  ***Applicant’s Statement***  **1.** Applicant’s Statement Regarding the Interpreter (Select the box for either **Item A.** or **B.**)  **A.** I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.  **B.** The interpreter named in **Part 7.** read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in [Fillable field], a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.  **2.** Applicant’s Statement Regarding the Preparer (if applicable)  At my request, the preparer named in **Part 8.,** [Fillable field], prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.  ***Applicant’s Certification***  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 any and all of 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 and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.  **[Page 11]**  I understand that USCIS will require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (for example, fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:  **1)** I reviewed and provided or authorized all of the information in my application;  **2)** I understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and  **3)** All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.  I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in and submitted with my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.  ***Applicant’s Duty of Disclosure***  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 my home study preparer and USCIS of any new information that I am required to disclose.  ***Applicant’s Signature***  **3.** Applicant’s Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)  **NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS:** If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application. | **[Page 10]**  [no change]  **[Page 11]**  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 and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.  [deleted]  I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in and submitted with my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.  [no change] |
| **Pages 11-12,**  **Part 6. Your Spouse's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature** | **[Page 11]**  **Part 6. Your Spouse’s Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature**  ***Your Spouse’s Statement***  **1.** Spouse’s Statement Regarding the Interpreter (select the box for either **Item A.** or **B.**)  **A.** I can read and understand English, and have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.  **B.** The interpreter named in **Part 7.** read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in [Fillable field], a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.  **2.** Spouse’s Statement Regarding the Preparer (if applicable)  At my request, the preparer named in **Part 8.,** [Fillable field], prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.  ***Your Spouse’s Certification***  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 any and all of 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 and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.  **[Page 12]**  I understand that USCIS will require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (for example, fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:  **1)** I reviewed and provided or authorized all of the information in my application;  **2)** I understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and  **3)** All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.  I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in and submitted with my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.  ***Your Spouse's Duty of Disclosure***  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.  ***Your Spouse’s Signature***  **3.** Your Spouse’s Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) | **[Page 11]**  [no change]  **[Page 12]**  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 and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.  [deleted]  I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in and submitted with my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.  [no change]  **NOTE TO ALL SPOUSES:**  If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your petition. |
| **Pages 13-14,**  **Part. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant and Spouse** | **[Page 13]**  **Part 8. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant and Spouse**  If you and/or your spouse (if married) used a preparer to complete this application, provide the following information about the preparer.  ***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  ***Preparer’s Contact Information***  **4.** Preparer’s Daytime Telephone Number  **5.** Preparer’s Mobile Telephone Number (if any) **6.** Preparer’s Email Address (if any)  **[Page 14]**  ***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) with the applicant’s and/or the applicant’s spouse’s (if married) consent.  **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 extends/does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.  ***Preparer’s Certification***  By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant and/or the applicant’s spouse (if married). The applicant and the applicant’s spouse (if married) then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the **Applicant’s Certification** and the **Your Spouse’s Certification,** and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.  ***Preparer’s Signature***  **8.** Preparer's Signature  Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) | **[Page 13]**  [no change]  **NOTE:** If you are an attorney or accredited representative, you may need to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, or Form G-28I, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney In Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States, with this petition.  [no change] |