

# AAI AUTOBIOGRAPHY OUTLINE

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

As a part of the home study process, EACH applicant is asked to complete an autobiography. Please use this format and answer ALL questions. You may type your answers directly onto this form and submit your autobiography as a word document via email attachment. For married couples, it is only necessary for one of you to complete the home/community and the guardianship sections.

- I. MOTIVATION TO ADOPT: Discuss your motivation to adopt. Was infertility a factor in your decision to adopt? If so, have you dealt with your feelings about infertility and if so how? What type of adoption are you pursuing, ie. domestic, international? If international, discuss your reasons for choosing the country of your choice.
  
- II. UNDERSTANDING OF ADOPTION: Discuss your understanding of parenting an adopted child. What is your understanding of potential risks and delays, and possible problems you may encounter with the child adapting to their new environment that may arise in post placement? What is your understanding of post placement supervision requirements?
  
- III. CHILD REQUESTED: What is the age and sex of child preferred include special requests such as twins, sibling groups etc. Also please specify if you are willing to accept a child with special needs and indicate the conditions that are acceptable to you i.e. Cleft palate, hearing impairment etc. What is your attitude about the parents who have chosen to give their child up for adoption?

- IV. ADOPTIVE PARENT HISTORY: Your full legal birth name, date and place of birth. Your parent's names and occupations when you were born. What is their current age and marital status. Do Describe some significant events from your childhood. Have you ever been a victim of child abuse, sexual abuse or neglect? What is your relationship with your parents and siblings today. Please provide their names, ages and where they presently live. What are their feelings regarding your adoption plans? What role if any, will they play in your child's life.
- V. CRIMINAL HISTORY: Describe any involvement with the law you have had as an adult even if it did not result in an arrest or conviction. (i.e. DUI) Do you have any history of domestic violence as a victim or perpetrator
- VI. EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Highest level of education, dates, names of institutions,, employment history, current employer/date of employment & salary. When you are not working, what are your interests, hobbies and talents.

- VII. MARITAL RELATIONSHIP When and where did you meet your spouse? How long was your courtship? When and where did you get married? Is this your first marriage? What words would you use to describe your spouse? How do you handle disagreements? Are you satisfied with your marriage? What is your view about divorce? Have there been any incidents of domestic violence in your marriage?

Single applicants need to address their feelings about their single status and the prospects of marriage in the future. They should also discuss what support system they have locally to assist them with the care of the child if necessary.

Divorced applicants need to address the cause(s) of their divorce, and provide details of when their marriage(s) started and terminated.

- VIII. LIFESTYLE/RELIGION: What religion do you practice and do you plan to raise your adoptive child in the same faith?

- IX. HEALTH: Discuss any medical problems, history of mental health therapy or counseling and history of drug or alcohol abuse. What type of medical insurance do you have and will it cover your adopted child?

- X. CHILDREN/PARENTING STYLE: Do you have any children? If so, please provide their names , ages and describe their personality, school they attend/childcare. If they do not reside with you, please explain. Discuss your feelings about discipline Discuss your experience with children and your parenting style
- XI. CHILDCARE: Do you plan to work after your adoption is complete? If so what are your plans for childcare? How much time you will take off from work to allow for your adoptive child's adjustment to the home and also your childcare arrangements when you return to work.
- XII. GUARDIANSHIP: Please indicate the name, age, and profession, and marital status, no. of children, health and financial situation of the guardians you have chosen to care for your adopted child in the event that you are un- able to do so.
- XIII. HOME/COMMUNITY: Provide a detailed description of your home, including square footage of your home, number of bedrooms and where the adopted child will sleep. Are there any adults other than your spouse living in the home? Describe the presence of schools, shopping, recreational facilities churches, and medical facilities in your community as well as the diversity of your community and the attitude of your community towards other cultures and nationalities.