

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
SP

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name of petitioning father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name of petitioning mother)

**PETITION FOR ADOPTION  
OF A MINOR CHILD**

**FOR THE ADOPTION OF**

**(Not Stepparent)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name by which adoptee is to be known if adoption granted)

To the Honorable Clerk of the Superior Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County:

We (I), the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of petitioning father) (Sex)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, whose address is  
(Name of petitioning mother) (Sex)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Street & Number) (City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

do hereby petition the Court to adopt \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ minor  
(Name by which the adoptee is to be known) (Sex)  
child, and do represent to the Court:

1. That the petitioner(s) herein seeking adoption:

- has/have lived in or been domiciled in North Carolina for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of this petition; **OR**
- has/have lived in or been domiciled in North Carolina for less than six consecutive months prior to filing this petition, but the adoptee has lived in North Carolina for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of this petition or from birth; **OR**
- does/do not reside or have domicile in North Carolina, but is/are petitioning to adopt a child currently in the legal custody of a licensed NC adoption agency or county department of social services; **OR**
- does/do not reside or have domicile in North Carolina, but is/are petitioning to adopt a child directly placed with the petitioner(s) by the birth parent(s) and the child has lived in North Carolina for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of this petition or from birth and continues to reside in North Carolina at the time of the filing of this petition.

2. That any required preplacement assessments have been completed or updated within the 18 months before the adoptee's placement for the purpose of adoption or an affidavit is attached stating why the assessment is not available.

3.  That all necessary consents, relinquishments, or terminations of parental rights have been obtained and have been filed or will be filed as additional documents with the petition; **AND/OR**

The names of any individuals whose consent, relinquishment, or termination of rights may be necessary but have not been obtained are listed in an attached document.

4. That the adoptee was born on in the State/Country of \_\_\_\_\_ on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

5. That as far as petitioner(s) are able to ascertain, said minor child is the owner of or is entitled to personal property of the value of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and real property of the value of \$\_\_\_\_\_, described as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

6. That said adoptee was placed for the purpose of adoption with the petitioner(s) by:

Agency     Parents     Guardian of the Person    on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

If placed by agency, give name and address of agency consenting to the placement \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. If the adoptee is not in the physical custody of the petitioner(s), state the reason why the petitioner does not have physical custody and the date and manner in which the petitioner intends to acquire custody:

\_\_\_\_\_

8. That the provisions of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, N.C.G.S. 7B - 3800 et. seq., were followed, or a statement is attached describing the circumstances of non-compliance, if the adoptee was brought into this State from another state for purposes of adoption.

9. That the affidavit required by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, N.C.G.S. 50A-101 et. seq., if applicable, is attached to the petition.

10. That petitioner(s) seeking adoption herein is/are  single; or  married. If married, give date of petitioner's marriage \_\_\_\_\_. The petitioner(s) is/are a fit person(s) to have the custody, supervision, and training of said child, and have the resources, including those available under a subsidy for an adoptee with special needs, to provide for the care and support of the adoptee.

11. That petitioner(s) desire(s) and agree(s) to adopt and treat the adoptee as the petitioner's lawful child and desire(s) that the relationship of parent(s) and child be established between them/him/her and said child; and upon adoption, the said adoptee shall inherit real and personal property by, through, and from the said petitioner(s) in accordance with the statutes of descent and distribution.

12. That the petitioner(s) is/are  related or  not related to the said child specified in G.S. 48-3-301 (b) as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Enter any special allegation not yet given, such as child 12 years of age or older, whether spouse is deceased or adjudged incompetent, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREFORE**, YOUR petitioner(s) pray(s) that the relationship of parent(s) and child be established between petitioner(s) and said adoptee; and that the name of said adoptee be changed to:

\_\_\_\_\_ as hereinabove written and authorized by law.

Attachments to petition (N.C.G.S. 48-2-305): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name of petitioning father) (Full name of petitioning mother)

being duly sworn, depose and say that he/she/they has (have) read the foregoing Petition and that the facts set forth therein are true to his/her/their own knowledge, except as to matters therein set forth upon information and belief, and as to such matters he/she/they believe(s) them to be true.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's Signature

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**( S E A L )**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Clerk of Superior Court or Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Clerk of Superior Court or Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for petitioners (Mailing Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number) (City or Town) (Zip Code)

**NOTE:** The DSS-1800 is prepared in triplicate. The original form is held in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court. A duplicate original is forwarded, **along with originals of all other documents filed in proceeding**, within ten days following the entry of the Decree of Adoption by the Clerk of Court to the Division of Social Services, State Department of Health and Human Services; and a copy is attached to the Order for a Report to the Court, directed to the county department of social services or licensed private child-placing agency.