

**7th Circuit Court – Family Division
Genesee County**

Adult Adoption Requirements

1. [Authorization for Release of Information](#) (for each petitioner and for the adoptee)
2. The [Adult Adoption Questionnaire](#) is to be completed and signed by the petitioners. Be sure to complete information about the birth parent(s), as it is required that he/she receives notice of an adoption.
3. A copy of the front & back of a valid driver's license for the petitioner(s) and adoptee(s).
4. A copy of the birth certificate of the adoptee. Hospital verification or birth certificate verification without the names of parent(s) is not acceptable. The adoptee's birth certificate will remain in the adoption file.
5. A copy of the birth certificate of the petitioner(s).
6. If the adoptee's biological/legal parent is deceased, a copy of his/her death certificate.
7. Copies of ALL pages of divorce judgment(s) of ALL previous marriages for both petitioners.
6. A copy (not original) of the marriage certificate for petitioners.
7. If adoptee is married, a copy of marriage certificate.
8. Copy of Order to Change Name, if the adoptee has had a name change.
9. A written statement, signed by the **adoptee**, giving the reasons for the adoption. If the adoptee is being adopted by a current stepparent, the statement must also indicate that the adoptee understands he/she will remain an heir to his/her biological parent whose rights are terminated by the adoption. If the adoptee is being adopted by an ex-stepparent or unrelated persons, the statement must indicate that the adoptee understands that he/she will no longer be an heir to his/her biological parents whose rights are terminated by the adoption. (MCL 700.2114(2)) In either case, the parent(s) whose right is/are terminated are no longer an heir to the adoptee.
10. A written statement signed by the **petitioner(s)** stating the reasons for the adoption and requesting the court grant an immediate confirmation to the petition.
11. A Consent to Adoption must be signed by the adult adoptee at a hearing before the court. The consent hearing will be scheduled after the initial interview with the petitioners.

12. The birth parent(s) will be sent a notice of the adoptee's consent hearing. The birth parent(s) presence at the consent hearing is not required. The adoptee is the only person whose presence is required at the consent hearing.

Filing Fees

\$175.00	Filing Fee
\$ 11.00	Certified Copy Fee
\$ 50.00	Birth Certificate Fee (If the child was born in Michigan or born in another country. If the child was born in another state, the fee for the new birth certificate will be determined by that state).

AFTER ALL forms are completed or if you have questions, please contact the Adoption Unit at (810)424-4470