

THE REGISTRY DOES NOT ACTIVELY SEARCH FOR INDIVIDUALS. IT SERVES ONLY AS A CENTRAL PLACE FOR PARTIES TO AN ADOPTION TO FILE THEIR INFORMATION AND BE MATCHED TOGETHER IF BOTH PARTIES REGISTER.

Section A must be completed in full by every applicant. Adoptees should write "SELF" in the "Relationship to Adoptee" blank.

Section B should be filled out as completely as possible by all applicants, with the exception of the "DATE OF BIRTH" and "PLACE OF BIRTH" SECTIONS. Those areas must be completed correctly if your application is to be processed. If you are unable to complete any other blanks in this section, you may leave them blank.

Section C may be skipped by birth family members.

Section D must be completed by listing the person(s) to whom you wish to release information. In the blank space, list persons in reference to their relationship to the adoptee, i.e., Adoptee, Adoptive Mother, Adoptive Father, Birth Mother, Birth Father, Sibling, etc. We cannot share identifying information between you and the person with whom you wish to be reunited until you complete this section.

Section E only applies if you feel that you need a counselor and do not know who to contact. Generally there is no free counseling available, but if you mark the "YES" box, Registry staff will try to help you contact a counselor in your area.

Section F only applies when the applicant does not want to be notified (personally) if the person(s) they are seeking is registered. To name someone else (or an agency) to represent you, fill out this section, naming your "agent", and send a notarized "Power of Attorney" with your application.

Section G must be completed with your signature and date.

THE FEE FOR REGISTRATION IS \$35 (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY) AND MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO REGISTER BECAUSE YOU CANNOT AFFORD THIS FEE, PLEASE INCLUDE A STATEMENT ON A SEPARATE PAGE WHICH EXPLAINS YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES AND REQUESTS WAIVER OF THE FEE. IF YOU ARE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR FOOD STAMPS, PLEASE SEND PROOF OF YOUR ELIGIBILITY.

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE, DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER ID MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION, FURTHERMORE, ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE ADOPTEE'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (IF AVAILABLE) SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES APPLICATION PROCESSING TIME.

NOTE: A person wishing to change any information on their application after they are registered must request an Update Form from the Registry. The Update Form must be accompanied by a \$10 check, money order, or proof of hardship.

Mail application with \$35 (check or money order) and ID to:
1317 Winewood Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

FLORIDA ADOPTION REUNION REGISTRY (850)488-8000

**CORRECTION: The statute citation in the brochure is incorrect. The brochure was promulgated pursuant to Section 63.165, Florida Statutes.