

# China Adoption Online

*Note: This sample is in no way intended to replace the guidance of your adoption agency. Sometimes there is more than one correct way to fill out these forms, and you should always consult with your agency when making decisions about your specific case. The information provided here is general in nature and may not be applicable under all circumstances. Nothing contained in this website constitutes specific legal advice and the author will not be held liable for any information contained herein. If you have questions about your own situation, you should consult with your licensed adoption service provider.*

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## **Sample Instructions For Filling Out Form I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country**

### **Part 1. Information About You** *(Person filing this application)*

1. Fill in your complete name—last, first, middle names. Include other names you may have used—maiden name, previous married name, etc.

USCIS Account #-if you have previously submitted an I-800A or an I-600A to USCIS, insert the account number you were assigned.

Fill in your U.S. Social Security Number.

Fill in your date and place (city, state and country) of birth.

Fill in your complete home address, and a mailing address if different from your residence.

2. Fill in the name of the country in which you intend to adopt (CHINA).

3. Check the appropriate box regarding where you reside. Most applicants reside in the US and will check the first box. **If you do not reside in the US and are not a US citizen, you should not be filing this form with USCIS.**

4. Check the appropriate box regarding how you obtained US citizenship

- check the 1st box if you were born in the US.
- check the 2nd box if you were born in another country but one or both of your parents were US citizens at the time (such as a US military family). Go to section 5.
- check the 3rd box if you were born in another country but are now a naturalized US citizen. Go to section 6.

5. Complete this section only if you checked the 2nd box of #4.

6. Complete this section only if you checked the 3rd box of #4.

7. Check the appropriate box.

8. Check the appropriate box; Provide the date and place of your (current) marriage, and provide information regarding previous marriages.

9. Fill in your contact information—work/cell and home phones, email address.

10. Check the appropriate boxes for questions a-d regarding a history of arrests and/or investigation for child abuse/neglect. Important Note: *If you check "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, you must provide a*

*certified copy of the documentation showing the final disposition of each incident. Please refer to the USCIS instructions for details of what you must include. You must also disclose this information to your adoption agency, as it must be thoroughly assessed and included in the adoption study report.*

## **Part 2. Information About Your Spouse (if You are Married)**

Provide the same information for your spouse as in Part 1:

Social Security Number

A# (alien registration number if your spouse is not a US citizen)

USCIS Account # (if any)

Address

Contact information

Information about previous marriages, if any

Citizenship information

History of arrest and/or child abuse/neglect investigations

## **Part 3. General Information**

1. Check first box—the home study is attached to this application.
2. Most families check box a. Insert the name, address, and contact info of your adoption agency.
3. Insert the following information in the box provided:

***"All pre-adoptive state requirements in [State of Residence] have been met. Please refer to the attached home study for details."***

4. Check box "a", unless otherwise instructed by your adoption agency.
5. Check appropriate box regarding the number of children you plan to adopt.
6. If this is your first international adoption, check "No". If you have previously adopted internationally, check box "Yes" and provide the required information regarding past applications you have submitted to USCIS. *Approval date refers to the date of completion on Form I-171H.* If you have previously filed more than one I-600A and I-600, you will need to attach a separate page and list the information for every application filed.
7. Check the appropriate box regarding other persons 18 years of age or older residing in your home (include your children who are 18 or older as well as any other adult person living in your household). If you answer "Yes", you must complete and submit Form I-800A, Supplement 1, Listing of Adult Member of the Household.
8. Provide the required information about all children residing in your household (biological, adopted, step children) who have not yet reached the age of 18. If any child was born in another country and was granted a visa to enter the United States, you must provide the child's Alien Registration number (A#).

## **Part 4. Certification and Signature of You, the Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)**

Sign the form as required. MAKE SURE you sign it!! A few families have forgotten this, and the application got sent back to them. Oops!

### **Form 1-800A, Supplement 1, Listing of Adult Member of the Household**

Part 1. Information about an Adult Member of the Household.

*Please complete a separate "Supplement 1" must be completed for each person age 18 years and older, other than the applicant and spouse, who resides in your household.*

1. Provide name, date and place of birth and mailing address of each adult household member.
2. Provide information about history of arrests and/or investigation for child abuse/neglect.

Part 2. Applicant signs and completes required information. Adult member of the household signs and provides contact information.

#### **Form I-800A, Supplement 2, Consent to Disclose Information**

Complete and sign this form to allow USCIS to communicate with your adoption agency. It may be necessary for your agency to communicate with USCIS in order to resolve questions regarding your application and to facilitate completion of the process.

#### **REMEMBER THIS INFORMATION:**

There is a **standard filing fee of \$720**. Also, you must include an **\$85 fingerprinting fee** for each adult member of your household, including both parents. You may combine these fees into one personal check or money order. **DO NOT make your check out to USCIS or USDHS**. Spell out the entire name!

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##### **USCIS**

**Attn: Hague**

**2501 S. State Hwy. 121 Business, Suite 400**

**Lewisville, TX 75067**

#### *Regular Mail Service*

##### **USCIS**

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#### **CHECKING THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION**

NBC(National Benefits Center), Hague Unit (Missouri)

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