

Requirements for Petition for Adoption of Adult: \$155.00 fee
(ORC §3107.02)

1. Petition (SPF 19.0) signed by Petitioner(s)
2. Consent (SPF 18.3) is filed by adult adoptee – do not need consents from biological parents. **Adult adoptee's consent is signed in open court.**
3. Certified copy of adult adoptee's birth certificate
4. Memorandum of Facts signed by the petitioner(s) and adult adoptee. This details the facts of the case and explains why the adoption should take place and the relationship the adoptee has had with the petitioner(s). **The memorandum must include the adult adoptee's address and telephone number.**
5. Petitioner(s) to complete BCI Fingerprint process and file BCI Report with the Court
6. Completed Form HEA 2757 for information to create new birth certificate
7. Petitioner and Adoptee must be present for a formal hearing on the Petition for Adoption of Adult
8. Court does not require home study, letters, medical forms etc. that would normally be filed in the adoption of a minor

Adult adoptions must meet one of the following criteria per ORC §3107.02

1. The adult is totally or permanently disabled
2. The adult is determined to be a person with an intellectual disability
3. The adult had established a child-foster caregiver, kinship caregiver, or child-stepparent relationship with the petitioner(s) as a minor, and the adult consents to the adoption
4. The adult was, at the time of the adult's eighteenth birthday, in the permanent custody of or in a planned permanent living arrangement with a public children services agency or a private child placing agency, and the adult consents to the adoption
5. The adult is the child of the spouse of the petitioner, and the adult consents to the adoption