

## FAMILY HISTORY

(If more than one applicant, please have applicant two answer questions on a separate sheet of paper or use the back of this form.)

1. Who were the significant household members as you were growing up?
2. Which family members were you the closest to and why?
3. Was there someone else (a neighbor, etc.) With whom you were especially close and why?
4. Did you have trouble getting along with anybody? Why?
5. When you were growing up, how did your family express the following feelings?  
How do you express them now?
  - A. Happiness:
  - B. Love/Affection:
  - C. Anger:
  - D. Disappointment:
  - E. Frustration:
  - F. Sadness/Depression:
  - G. Stress:
6. Compared to other families you have known both as a child and as an adult, would you say your childhood family was happier or less happy than most families? Why?
7. Would you say your family today is happier or less happy than most families? Why?
8. When you left home to be on your own, how old were you?
9. Why did you leave?
10. How did your family feel about you leaving?
11. Regarding the members of the family that you grew up with, where are these people now?

12. Do you still have contact with them? Why or why not?
13. What is the biggest disappointment or loss you have experienced in your life and how did you cope with it?
14. List three words that best describe you.

If you have been previously married, please complete the following:

	Applicant One	Applicant Two
Name of spouse		
Date of marriage		
Place of marriage		
Reason for termination of marriage		
Date of termination		

(For additional marriages, please list on the back of this page.)

Do you have any contact with your former spouse(s)?

How did you deal with your angry and/or sad feelings about the ending of previous marriages?

**PRESENT RELATIONSHIPS**  
**(If you are single, skip to question 16)**

1. How did you meet your spouse or the person with whom you are living?
2. How long have you:
  - A. Known each other?
  - B. Been living together?
  - C. Been married?
3. What was the main reason you married or entered into a relationship with this person and how have you made the relationship last?
4. What do you most admire about your spouse or partner?
5. What do you think your spouse or partner most admires about you?
6. What would you most like to change about your spouse or partner?
7. What do you think he/she would most like to change about you?
8. What do you like most about being married/living with someone?
9. What do you like least about being married/living with someone?
10. What circumstances might make you consider a divorce or termination of the relationship?
11. How much time during the week do you and your spouse/partner have alone together?
12. Do you feel comfortable with this amount of time?

13. How do you think becoming a foster parent will affect the amount of time you and your partner have alone together and how will you deal with this?
14. How are decisions made in your household?
15. What issues usually cause the most arguments and how are arguments ended?
16. If applicable, what is your current child care plan when you are not at home?
17. What would your child care plan be after a foster child is placed in your home?
18. If you and your family were facing some kind of crisis (financial, emotional, health, etc.), to whom would you turn for help?
19. What do you imagine will be the most positive impact of professional parenting on you/your family?
20. What about professional parenting do you think might cause you the most difficulties?
21. Do you belong to a place of worship?
22. If so, what denomination?
23. Would it be important to you that a child placed with you share the same religious feeling and background?
24. Every family has rules (no swearing, no eating in the bedroom, etc.). Regarding the rules in your home:
  - A. What rules can sometimes be broken?
  - B. What rules can never be broken?

### About the Home and Community

1. Imagine that we are going to describe your home and neighborhood to a child that we are going to place with you. How would you like for us to describe your home and community?
2. Describe the home that you live in (house, apartment, duplex, mobile home, etc.):
3. How many bedrooms do you have? \_\_\_\_\_ bathrooms? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long have you lived there?
5. Describe the room where the foster child will sleep. Will the child share a room and, if so, with whom?
6. How would you describe your relationship with your neighbors?
7. How do your neighbors feel about you becoming a foster parent?
8. Who are the people who most regularly visit your home?
9. Describe any pets in your home (please give the name of the pet, type of pet, and how long the pet has been in your family.)
10. If a child placed with you was afraid of your pet or became allergic, what would you do?
11. How do you handle privacy and nudity in your home?
12. Is your house free of lead paint?
13. Do you have well water?                      If so, how often is it tested?
14. Do you have a telephone?
15. Do you own a car?

16. If you do not own a car, what method of transportation do you use?
17. List the schools in your district that a child would attend (elementary, junior high and high school):
18. List businesses in your area that might provide jobs for foster youth placed in your home:
19. Would you be willing to transport a foster child to and from work?
20. What resources for recreational activities are there in your neighborhood?

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