

ADOPTION HOME STUDIES OF TULSA

AUTOBIOGRAPHY GUIDE

Please write separate autobiographies, each of you sharing your childhood and adulthood experiences that have contributed to who you are today. These topics are just suggestions.

Birth family

*State your birth date and place of birth, siblings' names, your birth order of siblings. Note your parent's names and descriptors of each.

*Describe your relationship with your parents during childhood. Also, describe their marriage during your childhood-areas of agreement/disagreement. If divorced, what age were you and how this impacted your life.

*How were you disciplined as a child? By whom? Do you feel it was fair?

*Who in the family did you feel closest to and why?

Growing Up

*Describe yourself and your feelings about the following: School life: most and least enjoyable aspects of your education; Outside of school: interests, activities, dating

*Describe the city or cities you grew up in

*What are your happiest childhood memories, saddest, and angriest?

*Describe any abuse history you may have/had; explain any treatment or counseling pursued.

Courtship and Marriage

*Describe how you met, how long you dated before you married.

*What were the attractions to each other? Explain your mutual and separate interests.

*List previous marriages; briefly outline the situation leading to its dissolution.

Religion

*What was your religious orientation during childhood and adolescence?

*What do you consider to be your current religious faith?

*How do you practice it? Outline its importance in raising children

Health and Medical

Do you currently take any prescription medicine? If so, explain the reason.

Have you had any recent surgeries? Explain

Finances

*Do you have a budget? Please outline on the Financial Assessment form

*Are you/have you ever been a defendant in any lawsuits or legal action? Explain

*Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? Explain

MOTIVATION/READINESS FOR ADOPTION

*Describe your motivation for adoption

*If you are guardians, describe the situation leading up to the guardianship

List biological parents and the relationship with them (visits, amount of contact, etc.)