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## **Instructions for Adoption Reunion Registry Application**

## WHO MAY REGISTER:

- Adopted persons 18 years of age or older, born or adopted in Maine.
- Adopted persons 18 years of age or older, whose adoptions were subsequently annulled or whose adoptive parents no longer have parental rights.
- Persons 18 years of age or older who were freed for adoption but were never subsequently adopted.
- Biological parent of an adopted person or of a person freed for adoption but not subsequently adopted.
- Adoptive parent or legal custodian or guardian of an adopted person who is under 18 years old or has been determined to be incapacitated.
- Adoptive parent of an adopted person who has died.
- Legal custodian or guardian of a person whose adoption was annulled, whose adoptive parents no longer have custody, who was freed for adoption but not subsequently adopted, or who has been determined by a court to be incapacitated.
- Full or half-sibling (age 18 or older) of an adopted person or person freed for adoption.
- Legal custodian or guardian of a person under 18 who is a full or half-sibling of an adopted person or person freed for adoption.
- Certain relatives of the biological parent of an adopted person, if that biological parent is deceased: parent/mother, parent/father, grandparent, full sibling, half sibling, aunt, uncle, cousin.

## HOW TO APPLY:

1. Fill in all items in order to ensure accurate identification of registrants. Complete the application form that applies to you:

VS210A- Biological Parents and Other Relatives or Persons Acting on Their Behalf
VS210B- Adopted Persons or Person Acting on Adopted Person's Behalf
VS210C- Person Freed for Adoption but Not Subsequently Adopted or Person Acting on Adopted Person's Behalf

- 2. Sign and date the certification statement.
- 3. Attach a certified copy of your own birth certificate as verification of your identity.
- 4. If you are a full or half-sibling of an adopted person, you must provide a certified copy of your own birth certificate as documentation of your relationship to the adopted person.
- 5. If you are registering on behalf of a minor child who is a full or half-sibling of the adopted person, you must provide a certified copy of the minor's birth certificate as documentation of the relationship and a copy of the court order giving you guardianship of custody.
- 6. If you are registering as a relative of a deceased biological parent, you must also provide: a certified copy of their death certificate and documentation of your relationship to the deceased.
- 7. Mail the application and supporting documents, together with the \$50.00 registration fee, to address listed above.
- 8. All supporting documents will be returned to you after your application has been processed.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES IN ADDRESS

You may withdraw from the registry at any time by writing to the Maine CDC vital records office.