

_____ COUNTY

_____ SP _____

Full name of petitioning parent

**PETITION FOR ADOPTION
OF A MINOR CHILD
(STEPPARENT)**

FOR THE ADOPTION OF

(Full name by which adoptee is to be known if adoption granted)

To the Honorable Clerk of the Superior Court of _____ County:

I, the undersigned, _____,
Name of petitioning parent (Sex)

whose address is:

(Street & Number) (RFD) (City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

do hereby petition the Court to adopt _____,
(Name by which the adoptee is to be known)

a _____ minor child, and do represent to the Court:
(Sex)

- 1. That the petitioner herein seeking adoption has lived in or been domiciled in North Carolina for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition; or the adoptee has lived in North Carolina for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition or from birth.
- 2. That the petitioner's spouse is the parent of the adoptee and has had legal and physical custody of the child since _____ under the following circumstances: _____

The child has resided primarily with this parent and the petitioner during the six months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition, or a waiver of that requirement is sought under G.S. 48-4-101(3) for the reasons set out in #13 below;

3. That all necessary consents, relinquishments, or terminations of parental rights have or will be obtained and will be filed as additional documents with the Petition; that all necessary parties to this proceeding are properly before the Court or a document listing the names of any other individuals whose consent or termination of rights may be necessary but has not been obtained is attached.

4. That the adoptee was born in the State/Country of _____ on or about the _____ day of _____, _____.

5. That as far as petitioner is able to ascertain, said minor child is the owner of or is entitled to personal property of the value of \$ _____ and real property of the value of \$ _____, described as follows:

6. That the affidavit required by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, N.C.G.S. 50A-1, et. seq., if applicable, is attached to the Petition.

7. That petitioner seeking adoption herein is presently [single] [married]. _____
(Date of Marriage to Parent of Adoptee)

(Name of Spouse) (Sex);

and, if applicable _____
(Date Marriage Terminated by Death of Parent of Adoptee)

8. That petitioner desires and agrees to adopt and treat the adoptee as the petitioner's lawful child and desires that the relationship of parent and child be established between him/her and said child; and upon adoption, the said adoptee shall inherit real and personal property by, through, and from the said petitioner in accordance with the statutes of descent and distribution.

9. Enter any special allegation not yet given, such as child over 12 years of age, whether spouse is deceased or has been adjudicated incompetent, waiver sought under G.S. 48-4-101(3), etc.

WHEREFORE, YOUR petitioner prays that the relationship of parent and child be established between petitioner and said adoptee; and that the name of said adoptee be changed to _____

_____ as hereinabove written and authorized by law.

Attachments to Petition (N.C.G.S. 48-2-305): _____

This _____ day of _____, _____

_____ Petitioner

_____ being duly sworn, depose and say
Full name of petitioning parent

that _____ has read the foregoing Petition and that the facts set forth therein are true to _____ own knowledge, except as to matters therein set forth upon information and belief, and as to such matters _____ believes them to be true.

_____ Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

(S E A L)

Clerk Superior Court or Notary Public

My commission expires _____

_____ Attorney for Petitioner	_____ (Mailing Address)
_____ (Telephone Number)	_____ (City or Town)

NOTE:
The DSS-5162 is prepared in triplicate. The original form is held in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court; a copy is forwarded within ten days by the Clerk of Court to the Division of Social Services, State Department of Health and Human Services; and a copy is attached to the Order for a Report to the Court which is directed to the county department of social services or licensed private child-placing agency.