

SWORN STATEMENT OR AFFIRMATION FOR FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS, ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
Please Print

_____ Last Name	_____ First	_____ Middle	_____ Maiden	_____ Social Security Number
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_____ Current Mailing Address	_____ Street, P.O. Box #, Apt. #	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
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_____ Name of Agency	_____ Street, P.O. Box #, Apt. #	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
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Please respond to all five (5) questions below:

1. Have you ever been convicted of or are you the subject of pending charges of any crime within the Commonwealth of Virginia?
☐ Yes (convicted in Virginia) ☐ Yes (pending in Virginia) ☐ No

If yes to convicted or pending, specify crime(s): _____

2. Have you ever been convicted of or are you the subject of pending charges of any crime outside the Commonwealth of Virginia?
☐ Yes (convicted outside Virginia) ☐ Yes (pending outside Virginia) ☐ No

If yes to convicted or pending, specify crime(s) and state, or other location: _____

3. Have you ever been the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect within the Commonwealth of Virginia?
☐ Yes (in Virginia) ☐ No (in Virginia)

4. Have you ever been the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect outside the Commonwealth of Virginia?
☐ Yes (outside Virginia) ☐ No (outside Virginia)

If yes, specify state, or other location: _____

5. In what states (other than Virginia) have you lived within the last five (5) years? _____

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is true and complete. I understand that the information is subject to verification and that making a materially false statement or affirmation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Signature

Date

Explanation of Sworn Statement or Affirmation

- **Requirement:** Sections 63.2-901.1, 63.2-1720, 63.2-1721, and 63.2-1722 of the *Code of Virginia* (Code) require prospective foster or adoptive parents and adult household members to provide a sworn statement or affirmation prior to approval as adoptive or foster parents. A sworn disclosure or affirmation is a statement completed by a person attesting to whether he has ever been: (i) convicted of or the subject of pending charges of any crime within the Commonwealth or equivalent offense outside the Commonwealth, or (ii) the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect within or outside the Commonwealth. The statement or affirmation must be made available to the Department of Social Services' representative. Further dissemination of the sworn statement information by the child-placing agency is prohibited other than to the Commissioner's representative or a federal or state authority or court in order to comply with an express requirement in the law for that dissemination.
- **Consequence:** If a person required to submit a sworn statement or affirmation has been: (i) convicted of or is the subject of pending charge of a barrier crime (specified below), or (ii) convicted of any other felony in the last five years, or (iii) the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect:
 - The adoptive or foster home is not eligible for approval by a child-placing agency; and
 - A child-placing agency may revoke the approval of a foster home.

Exceptions: A child-placing agency may approve as an adoptive or foster parent:

- an applicant convicted of not more than one misdemeanor of assault and battery, as defined in §63.2-57 of the Code, not involving abuse, neglect or moral turpitude of a minor provided ten years have elapsed following the conviction;
- an applicant convicted of felony possession of drugs who has had his civil rights restored by the Governor, provided 10 years have elapsed following the conviction.

Exception: A child-placing agency may approve as a foster parent:

- an applicant convicted of statutory burglary for breaking and entering a dwelling home or other structure with intent to commit larceny, who has had his civil rights restored by the Governor provided 25 years have elapsed following the conviction.