

**PROBATE COURT OF SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
ELINORE MARSH STORMER, JUDGE**

ADOPTION OF _____

CASE NO. _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

[R.C. 2151.86]

Effective January 1, 2006: The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation will no longer accept ink-rolled fingerprint cards. At the time of filing an Application for Placement (or a petition in a private, stepparent adoption), a completed BCI check must be submitted to the Court. You will be charged for that service. Check the [Attorney General's website](#) for locations near you. The results will be sent to you, then you will file them with the Court.

If you have been a resident of Ohio for less than 5 years:

A Federal (FBI) background check will also be required. You will also have to obtain an FBI electronic fingerprinting check, which must be presented to the court at the time of filing. You will be charged for that service.

I swear or affirm, under penalty of law, that I have been a resident of Ohio for _____ years.

Petitioner/Household member over 18 Signature

Print or Type Petitioner/Household name

I swear or affirm, under penalty of law, that I have been a resident of Ohio for _____ years.

Petitioner/Household member over 18 Signature

Print or Type Petitioner/Household name

Sworn to or affirmed in my presence this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public