



ETHIOPIA DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE TO FRC (NON-HAGUE ADOPTION)

Scan all documents in pdf format. Ensure each page is clear and no part is cut off.

All documents must be legible to be submitted to immigration.

****It is your duty to ensure all information provided is accurate and complete including marital history, children, prior residences (US and abroad), arrests (including expunged), and other relevant details. Once finalized, your Home Study will be submitted with your I-600/I-600A. Immigration will review it alongside your N-400 (Naturalization), and any inconsistencies may lead to delays or denial. ****

Evidence for Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)	
☐	Proof of US Citizenship (If US citizen by birth, submit copy of birth certificate or US Passport; If born outside of US, submit Certificate of Naturalization, US Permanent Resident Card)
☐	Copy of Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
☐	Copy of all Divorce Decrees and Death Certificates of prior spouses (if applicable)
Adoption Documents – Note: Submit Amharic adoption documents and stamp certified translations. All listed may not be applicable to your case.	
☐	Application/notification intent to adopt to FFIC / Ministry (stamped and dated)
☐	Original Birth Certificate for the child issued by National Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
☐	Police Reports (at time child abandoned or relinquished, detailed efforts made to locate biological parents, and investigation results)
☐	Best Interest Determination (BID) Letter (required for orphanage adoptions)
☐	All orphanage records (from Intake report date to foster/custody date)
☐	All communications letters written between orphanage, police, FFIC and/or ministry
☐	Social worker assessment conducted in country by the Ministry (US home study if previously completed)
☐	Foster Care Contract Agreement
☐	FFIC Adoption Contract / Agreement
☐	FFIC Adoption Judgement / Verdict
☐	FFIC Adoption Approval to be filed with Ministry
☐	Consent for irrevocable adoption and emigration (may be included in Contract Agreement or Court Verdict)
☐	Confirmation full and final adoption completed in accordance with laws of Ethiopia
☐	Certificate of Adoption (issued after adoption finalized date)
☐	Post-adoption birth certificate issued after adoption finalized listing you as parents
☐	Child Health Records (copies of all initial and subsequent records)
Travel	
☐	Documentation of all travel dates to child's country from time of application to Ministry to present, with copies of passport entry/exit stamps and/or travel documents
☐	Proof of presence in court adoption finalization - travel docs/passport face page + stamps (if not present at court finalization please submit all power of attorney documentation)
Additional Documents Applicable to Relative or Known Parent Adoptions	
☐	Original birth certificate listing biological parent(s)
☐	Earliest child records (medical/church/school records that include name, birthdate, and biological parents)
☐	Death certificate of biological parent(s) (along with any available secondary evidence funeral bulletin, obituary, newspaper article, church records, or affidavits from those with firsthand knowledge)
☐	If there is one surviving parent <u>proof of incapability of care</u>
Fees / Other	
☐	Receipts for adoption related fees paid in-country (attorney, orphanage, Ministry, court, etc.)
☐	Child Passport (If you do not have your child's passport, please start the process of obtaining it.)