

Current requirements by Haitian law for adoptive families:

1. All adoptive parents must be 35 years old or older. (If married, one needs to be 35, the other at least 27).
2. Married couples must be married at least 10 years. Sometimes exceptions are made for couples who do not meet this requirement, but have documented infertility problems and no biological children.
3. The couple has no biological children together. Single women cannot have biological children and adopt. If there are biological children then a presidential dispensation (approval) must be received for the adoption to take place.

The Haitian Adoption Law is currently being rewritten and will be voted on after elections in the spring of 2011 after the Senate has been seated. The new law as it was last seen is much more lenient in some areas such as age and years married. If you do not meet the above requirements, please do not be discouraged.

Presidential dispensations have been granted to families who do not meet the above requirements. Be aware that receiving a dispensation will add time to the adoption process.

Preliminary Adoption Application Form

For Voice of the Orphan and Giving Hope Rescue Mission

We understand that the situation with adoptions in Haiti is still unclear and subject to change at a moment's notice. We understand that Voice of the Orphan will only accept applications from heterosexual legally married couples/single heterosexual mothers who meet the current requirements of the Haitian adoption law and Voice of the Orphan requirements. We are aware of the current requirements and have indicated below which requirements we meet.

_____ All adoptive parents are 35 years or older. (If married, one needs to be 35, the other at least 27).

_____ Married couples have been married for at least 10 years.

_____ We don't meet this, but have documented infertility issues and have been married at least 7 years.

_____ We have no more than 2 children who are currently living at home.

_____ We are practicing Christian family.

_____ We meet the minimum U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) requirement for income. (See table*)

# of people in household	Income requirement
2	\$18,212
3	\$22,887
4	\$27,562
5	\$32,237

*This is a general guideline and is subject to change at any time. For complete guidelines please visit:
<http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-864p.pdf>

____ We don't meet all of the requirements, but would still like to be considered. (Please explain below the reasons why you don't meet the requirements.)

Applicant A (please fill out completely)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Age: _____ Number of years married: _____

Number of times married: _____

Applicant B

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Age: _____ Number of years married: _____

Number of times married: _____

For Applicants A and B

Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Number of Children: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone (indicate which Applicant's #): _____

Email Address: _____

We are interested in adopting (check all that apply):

One child A child with special needs No gender preference
 A sibling group A male child Age range: _____
 An older child A female child No age preference

We have a completed International homestudy:

Yes No No, but are in the process of completing one.

By signing below, you understand and acknowledge that this is not an application for adoption and there are no guarantees that you will qualify and/or be matched with a child or children. You also acknowledge that the adoption laws in Haiti can change at any given time and that might mean that you no longer qualify to adopt. You would like to be considered for adoption through Voice of the Orphan and understand that if you qualify, Voice of the Orphan will send you the adoption application.

Applicant A Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant B Signature: _____ Date: _____

After completing and signing the above form, please email the form to givinghopehaiti@gmail.com or mail the form to Voice of the Orphan, 22 East Washington St. Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN 46204