








Voluntary Adoption Registry

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Voluntary Adoption Registry. Please read the following information carefully. If you decide you would like to register, please return the Affidavit according to these instructions.

Many adoptees and birth parents wish to find and communicate with each other after the adoptee becomes an adult. The Voluntary Adoption Registry is a service for those persons age 18 or over that are interested in obtaining identifying information. In accordance with Oregon law (ORS 109.460), those persons eligible to register are:

-  An adult adoptee
-  A birth parent
-  Adult genetic siblings of adoptee who were placed in separate adoptive homes.
-  An adoptive parent of a deceased adoptee
-  Parents or adult siblings of a deceased birth parent

If you are one of the above-named and you wish to register, you must:

Complete the enclosed Affidavit and sign before a notary public. Many banks and attorney's offices will notarize your Affidavit. You may also bring the Affidavit to Boys & Girls Aid to sign and have it notarized.

Attach a copy of your birth certificate. If you do not have a copy, and were born in Oregon, you can obtain a copy of your birth certificate from: Oregon Vital Records - 800 NE Oregon St, Suite #205 - Portland, OR 97232. Phone: (971) 673-1190. There is a \$20 fee for the copy. *Note: If you are 21 and were born in Oregon you can also obtain a copy of your pre-adoptive/original birth certificate through Oregon Vital Records. For purposes of the Adoption Registry we require a copy of your birth certificate showing your adoptive name along with the names of your adoptive parents.*

Enclose a check or money order payable to "Boys & Girls Aid" in the amount of \$45.00. This fee is established by state law.

Return the Affidavit, birth certificate and payment to:

Boys & Girls Aid
M/S #27
PO Box 5700
Portland, OR 97228-5700

After completing and returning the Affidavit to Boys & Girls Aid, it is your responsibility to keep us informed of changes in address or telephone number in order to keep the registry updated.

You may cancel your registration at any time by providing written notice of your desire to do so.

If you are a birth parent registering prior to the adoptee attaining age 18, it is your responsibility to reaffirm in writing your desire to continue the registration when the adoptee reaches age 18.

If a "match" occurs, Boys & Girls Aid will release only that information necessary for the identification of the other party. Boys & Girls Aid may provide counseling prior to the release of the identifying information and may offer to help in arranging and facilitating the contact.