Looking for your Biological Family?

The Missouri Adoption Information Registry allows **adopted adults** (ages 18+)**, their biological parents, and adult siblings** (ages 18+) to register to contact one another.

How do I register?

1

Complete the registry form at **tinyurl.com/moadoptionregistry**

NOTE: Adopted adults, biological parents, & adult siblings must complete separate forms.

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Email your registration form **and** a copy of ID (birth certificate, adoption decree, or driver's license) to:
CD.MOAdoptiveInfoRegistry@dss.mo.gov

Email is preferred, but you can also mail to:
Adoption Information Registry
PO Box 88
Jefferson City, MO 65103

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You will be notified within 3 months if you have any matches.

Important Information

- You must be at least 18 years old to register
- The registry does not have access to and cannot provide copies of birth certificates, adoption records, or adoption decrees
- The registry only retains information that is provided by the applicants
- Always make sure your contact information is up-to-date, so we can reach you
- The Adoption Information Registry is not a service for the adopted adult's lineal descendants (I.e. children, grandchildren, etc.)
- Missouri Statute Section 453.121 addresses adoption-information releases and provides authority & guidelines for the Adoption Information Registry
- Adoptions after August 2020: Notwithstanding any provision of law, all information, including identifying information, shall be released to an adopted adult if the adopted adult's biological parent lost his or her parental rights through a nonconsensual termination of parental rights proceeding.

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Questions?

Visit **tinyurl.com/moadoptionregistry**
or email us at **askcd@dss.mo.gov**

Join the Missouri Adoption Information Registry!

Who can register?

- Adults who were adopted in Missouri
- Biological parents who had their parental rights **terminated** in Missouri
- Biological parents who **relinquished a child** for adoption in Missouri
- Adult biological siblings

What happens once I register?

Your information is entered into the Adoption Information Registry and a Registry search is completed.

No Match?

If no match is found, you will receive a written notification.

Match?

Possible matches are sent to the court or agency that finalized adoption for confirmation of the match.

Biological-parent information will be released to the adopted adult, if the other biological parent is unknown, cannot be found, is deceased, has consented, or has registered with the Adoption Information Registry.

When an adopted adult and sibling are matched, both must consent before identifying information is released.

If there is a confirmed match, we contact matches and confirm each party's contact preferences. For example, you can elect to provide your name, email address, phone number, and/or place of birth to your matches.

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