

MESCALERO APACHE TRIBAL COURT  
MESCALERO APACHE RESERVATION, NEW MEXICO

**Check List**

**Adoption**

- Affidavit**
- Petition for Adoption**
- Copy of Birth Certificates for each child**
- Certificate of Indian Blood for each child**
- Copy of Court Order for Custody / Guardianship** (if applicable)
- Relinquishment of Parental Rights** (if applicable)
- Location of both parents**

To ensure that proper filing procedures are not interrupted, all documents listed above must be attached. The Judge may require additional documentation during your hearing.

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IN THE MATTER OF:

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Enrolled Member of the  
Mescalero Apache Tribe

**PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

COMES NOW, the petitioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
to adopt \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The Petitioner(s) respectfully show to the Mescalero Apache Tribal Court that they are, and have been for the past \_\_\_\_\_ years, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. THAT, they desire to adopt \_\_\_\_\_  a female  a male age of \_\_\_\_\_ years, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. THAT, petitioner(s) are and were married on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_.

4. THAT, petitioner(s)  are  are not related to said child, by being the child's \_\_\_\_\_.

5. THAT, the child the petitioner(s) desire to adopt is presently in the custody of \_\_\_\_\_, and that such custody is for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_.

6. THAT, the child's estate consists of the following property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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7. THAT, the natural parent mother's maiden name is: \_\_\_\_\_

and date of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Last known address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. THAT, the natural parent father's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

and date of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Last known address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREFORE, petitioner(s) prays this Court for leave to adopt as their own child, the said in accordance with the Laws and Customs of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and that the name of said child shall be changed to \_\_\_\_\_, and that such other order may be made as Law and Justice require.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Signature (Adoptive Mother)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Signature (Adoptive Father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Printed Name (Adoptive Mother)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner Printed Name (Adoptive Father)