

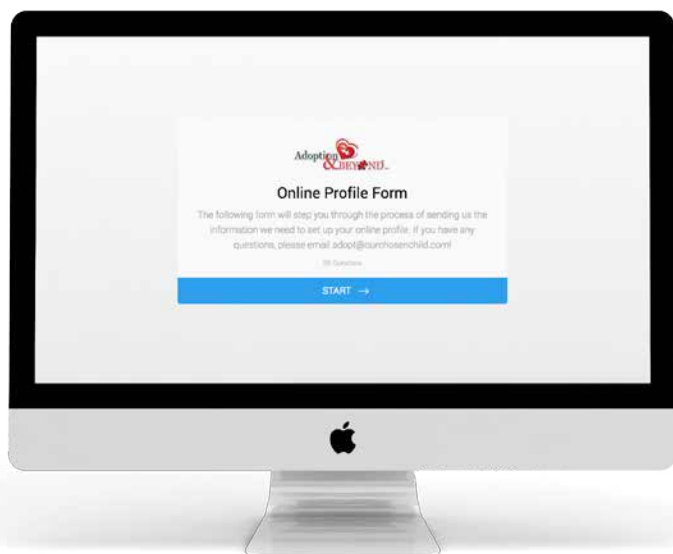
SET UP YOUR WAITING FAMILY PAGE



We look forward to helping you with your online profile!

EXPECTANT PARENTS ARE ONLINE AND YOU SHOULD BE TOO!

Your online presence gives expectant parents a glimpse into your life. The following form will take you through the process of compiling the information we need to set up your online profile on the Adoption & Beyond website. We are always available to answer any questions you have—just shoot us an [email](#) or [call](#) us and we'll be in touch shortly.



Keep reading to learn more about what we'll need from you to create your Online Profile!

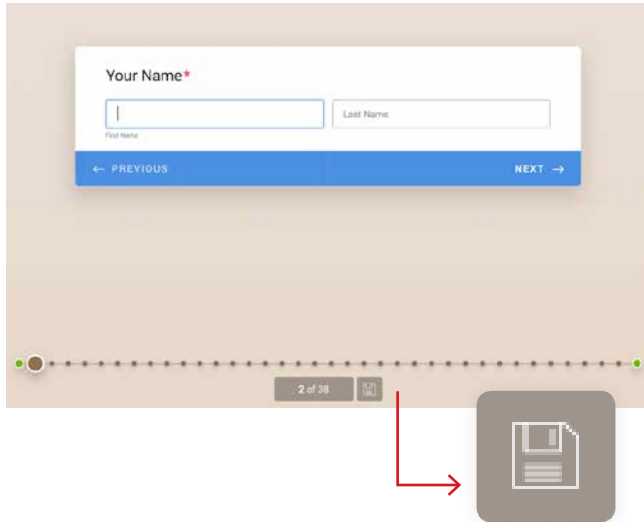
When you're ready to begin filling out your form...

CLICK HERE

...to be taken to a fillable form where you'll enter your information, upload photos and complete payment of \$300.

Here are a few important notes to make submitting your photos and videos as easy as possible!

SET UP THE SAVE FUNCTION ON YOUR FORM RIGHT AWAY SO YOU DON'T LOSE ANY OF YOUR PROGRESS.



Step One

- ✓ When filling out your form, saving your progress to continue later is easy! Click the save icon at the bottom of the form when you're ready to take a break.

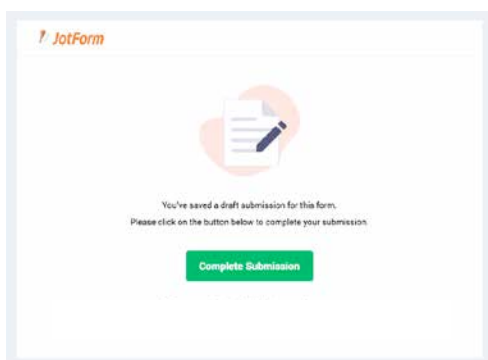
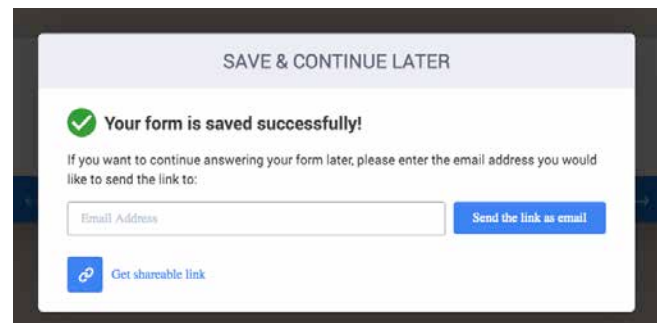
Step Two

- ✓ Once you click the save icon it will expand to say "Save & Continue Later"
- ✓ Click "Save & Continue Later"

 **Save & Continue Later**

Step Three

- ✓ Enter the e-mail address you would like your partially completed form to send to. You **MUST** send your partially completed form via email to continue filling it out later.



Step Four

- ✓ When you're ready to continue filling out your form, find the e-mail (from JotForm) and follow the link back to your form.
- ✓ If you don't see the e-mail in your inbox be sure to check out your spam folder.



What you'll need

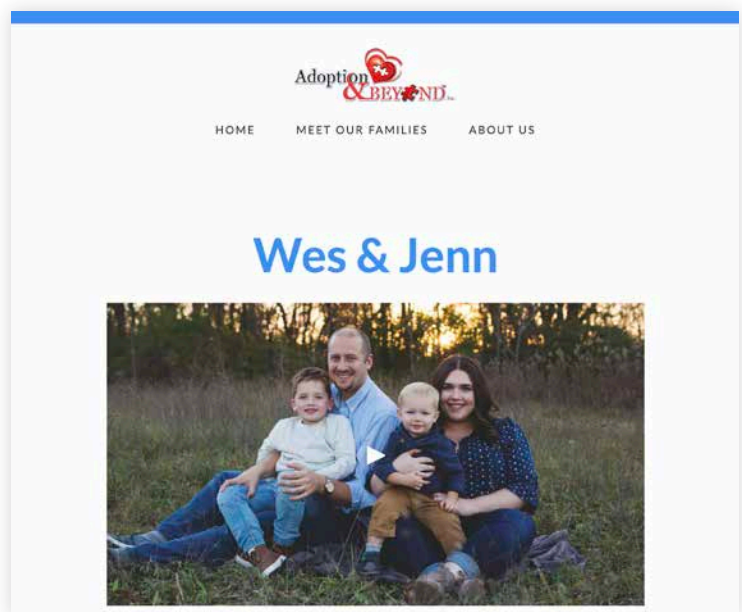
- ✓ Opening/Intro section text (with cover photo)
- ✓ About Us text (with photo)
- ✓ Get to Know Us text (with photo)
- ✓ Home section text (with photo)
- ✓ Fun Facts (with photo)
- ✓ Favorite Quote or Bible verse
- ✓ The PDF of your adoption profile book
- ✓ Photo gallery and/or slideshow

Your cover photo

Your cover photo will be the featured image on your waiting family page and will be used as the listing photo next to all the other waiting families photos. Most people use this photo for their adoption profile book cover photo as well.

A note about selfies

We suggest avoiding selfies for the cover photo. Selfies can distort perspective and often aren't high quality images.




Opening text

The opening letter found in your profile book can be used here if you'd like. Or, if you'd like to write something new, that's O.K. too! Please add a title for this section. SEE RIGHT: Introduction

(6-10 sentences is ideal)

Wes & Jenn




INTRODUCTION

We live in Wisconsin on beautiful tree-lined street with our sons Louis and Bobby. Both of us are so grateful for your consideration of us as adoptive parents of your precious child. We couldn't be more excited about providing a loving home for your baby. We have a close-knit community of friends and family who are nearly as thrilled as we are about this adoption—this includes grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. We know you are putting your child's needs first and that decision is incredibly important. We hope to tell you a bit about ourselves, our families, hobbies and our values. We will treasure the opportunity to parent and love your child. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to read about us as you make this brave decision.

About us/me text

Write briefly to the expectant parent(s) to introduce yourselves! It's nice to use your names, share where you live and things you enjoy doing!




ABOUT US

We met through mutual friends 14 years ago and got married on a beautiful winter day in 2010 with our closest family and friends. Because we met at a young age, we've been through a lot together—college, moving out on our own for the first time, our first jobs, buying our first house, and now, parenthood (the best part!). We love spending quality time together. We are homebodies and there's a lot of love in our house. We have family over at least once or twice a week. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins—all are within driving distance. Most live within 30 minutes of our home! We also enjoy exploring Wisconsin and traveling as a family. We can't wait to grow our family and become parents again!

About us/me photo

Please include a photo that fits under the “about” text section.



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Adoption & Beyond would like all clients to share brief demographic information with expectant parents.

GET TO KNOW US

OCCUPATION

Wes: Scientist
Jenae: Graphic Designer

CHILDREN


2 boys—Bobby is 2, Louis is 5

HOBBIES

Wes: Board games, fishing, basketball, going to concerts, reading
Jenae: Photography, cooking, decorating, volleyball, party planning

WHAT DOES OPEN ADOPTION LOOK LIKE TO US?

We envision an ever-evolving relationship that honors your wishes. We are open to visits, letters, emails, and messages. We would love to share the love of our child and their story openly with all family members involved.



Partner one

- Occupation
- Children (none, one child, more than one child)
- Hobbies
- What does open adoption look like to us?

Partner two

- Occupation
- Children (none, one child, more than one child)
- Hobbies
- What does open adoption look like to us?


Home

Write about your home and family life here. Include your family traditions shared in the home, any pets that live with you and/or your extended family.

(6-10 sentences is ideal)

OUR HOME

We live on a tree-lined historic street in a cute little tan, brick bungalow. It's a four bedroom house with plenty of space to play and entertain. Nearby are several parks, a cool park with deer you can feed/pet, and a wonderful neighborhood library. We are just blocks away from a great school system. Both of our families are only a quick 15 minutes drive away and visit frequently. We live with two friendly and cuddly cats, Maggie and Stella. They are great with kids and have become best buds with Louis and Bobby!



Home and family photo


Please include a photo that can be featured by the "home" section.



Fun Facts

Include a fun facts list, a “things you might be surprised to learn about us/ me” list, or text that feels important for you to share with expectant parents (your faith, your travels, your thoughts on parenting, etc.). This is a fun way to highlight special or unique things about you and/or your family!

(6-10 sentences is ideal)



FUN FACTS

OUR FAMILY STRIVES TO BE

1. Unconditionally loving
2. Honest
3. Present
4. Supportive of one another
5. Kind

FAVORITE VACATION
Wes: Miami
Jenn: Jamaica

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
Wes: Hot coffee
Jenn: Iced coffee

CHILDREN'S TV SHOW
Wes: X-men
Jenn: The Magic School Bus

FAVORITE SPORT TEAM
Both: Green Bay Packers!

FAVORITE FOOD
Wes: Brats
Jenn: Grilled cheese

Choose 1 FAMILY FUN FACT prompt and 1 INDIVIDUAL FUN FACT prompt
(7 answers available per prompt)

Family Fun Facts


- Things that make us happy
- Things we will teach your child
- Our family strives to be....
- Favorite family traditions

Individual Fun Facts

- Our favorite things (movie, TV show, sport, animal, holiday, music group, vacation place)
- Choose your own fun facts (i.e. favorite books, favorite vacation spots)
- Our friends would describe us as....

Fun facts photo

Please include a photo that accompanies your "fun facts" text section.



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Photo gallery

If you'd like, you're welcome to add a photo gallery to your waiting family page. Your online profile will include a photo gallery. Please share a maximum of 20 photos to be included in your gallery



PHOTO TIPS FOR YOUR GALLERY

- Photos should come from a variety of settings and activities
- Photos should show warm, genuine smiles
- Avoid dark, fuzzy photos
- Include photos of you engaged with children
- Photos should be recent (within 2 years)

A note about selfies

While one or two cute selfies is fine, keep in mind that a gallery full of selfies isn't particularly interesting to the viewer. They tend to be repetitive and don't help the viewer get to know your personalities or the activities you enjoy.



Favorite quote or Bible verse

If you'd like, add a favorite quote or Bible verse to your page.

"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."

— CARL SAGAN

Closing text

Your closing message is your last chance to reach out to expectant parents and thank them for getting to know you. You may use thoughts from your closing statement used in your profile book, your thoughts on parenting section, or you can come up with something new!

(3-5 sentences is ideal)

Closing photo

Please include a photo you'd like next to your closing text.



CLOSING

We are so grateful for your consideration of us as parents to your child. It would be an extraordinary, life-changing gift. We want to underline the fact that we honor your choice and hope you find peace in your decision. We promise to provide unconditional love and ensure that your baby feels loved. We will pass on core values like education, fairness, generosity, kindness, and respect for others. We will do everything we can to provide a wealth of opportunities for your child. We will embrace your child's individuality. We will tell your story—and explain what a generous gift you've given our family. We realize this a journey for all of us, and we want to honor your choices. We are happy to maintain any type of relationship you'd like going forward. We look forward to getting to know you. Thank you again.

Your adoption profile book

If Our Chosen Child is making or made your book, you can skip this step— we will take care of this for you! If you have your own adoption profile book, please find the PDF to upload it when you fill out the form online. If you created your book on Shutterfly, Mixbook, or a similar website, please email Customer Support and let them know your project was an adoption profile book and your attorney requires a PDF. They should send you the PDF for this purpose.

We are Jennifer and Wes and we would like to welcome you to our page!

We have been married for almost 5 years and knew we wanted to start a family right away. We struggled to get pregnant for a year before deciding to undergo invasive fertility treatments. After multiple failed procedures, we decided to take a step back and pray about what our next step may look like. Several months later we both felt the same thing: we were being called to adopt.

[View our adoption profile book](#)

PLEASE NOTE

We will include a button and link on your waiting family page that will direct people to a PDF of your booklet.



OPTIONAL ADD-ON SERVICE: CUSTOM ADOPTION VIDEO

Enhance your online profile with an adoption video!

**ADOPTION VIDEOS ARE AN EASY WAY TO SHARE YOUR STORY
ON YOUR ONLINE PROFILE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.**

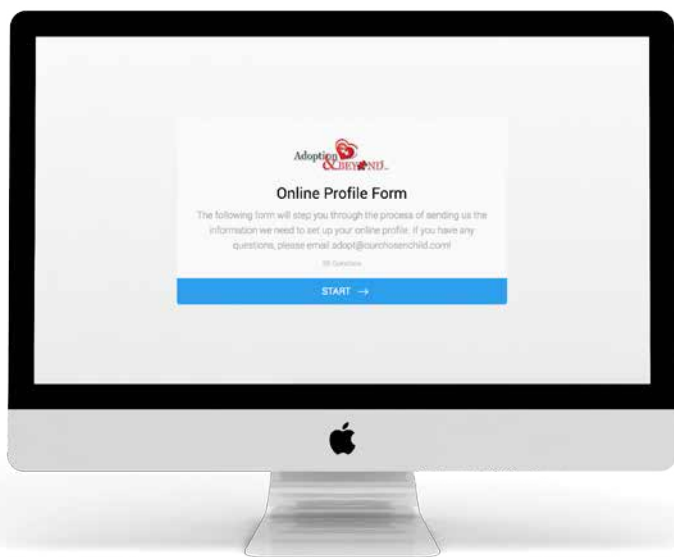
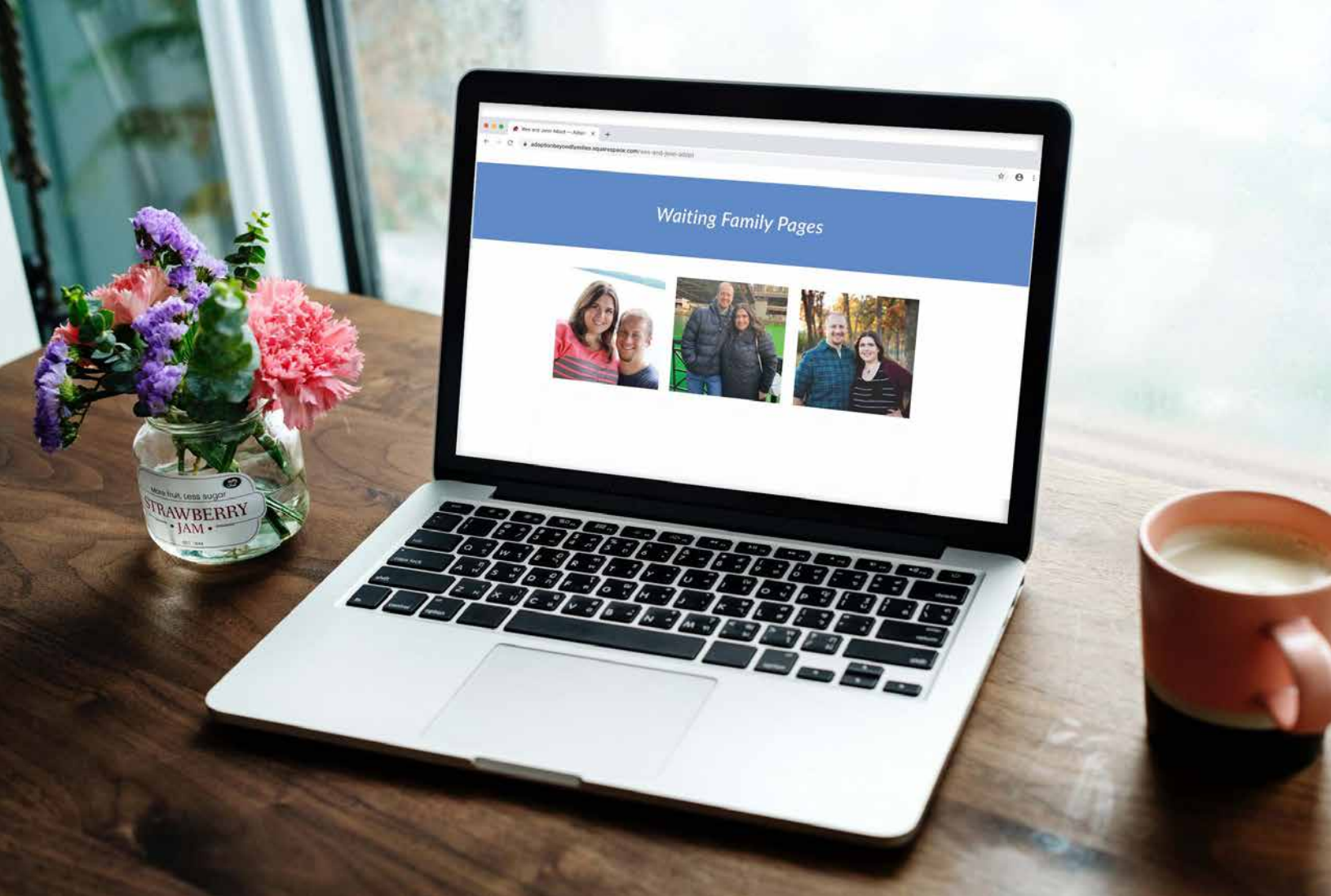
If you're interested in having us create an adoption video, please check "yes" in the next step. We use a similar process to create videos. We will reach out to you with more information and next steps. If you have any questions, feel free to [email](#) or [call](#) us.



You choose your
adoption video
color scheme and
music!

**THE COST FOR
A CUSTOM
ADOPTION
VIDEO IS \$350.**

[CLICK TO VIEW A SAMPLE VIDEO](#)



*Ready to begin filling
out your form?*

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