

**Foster Parent Qualifications**  
Baptist Children's Home  
Effective January 22, 2009

1. Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and be in substantial agreement with the Baptist Children's Home Articles of Faith
2. Be a responsible, mature adult at least age 21
3. Have a high school diploma or GED
4. Not have been married, divorced or widowed during the past 24 months
5. Single candidates will be considered
6. Be well established in your church and able to provide a reference from a church leader
7. Be in good health (a physician's statement is required)
8. Work closely as a team with staff personnel to meet the needs of the foster child(ren)
9. Complete pre-service and in-service training
10. Agree to discipline without physical punishment
11. Have no criminal record (fingerprinting is required)
12. Be financially stable without relying on the foster care payment
13. Have adequate housing to care for a foster child(ren)
14. Be a legal resident of the United States
15. Be able to pass all home safety and fire inspections and comply with all state or county regulations



- **The Baptist Children's Home staff shall have ultimate responsibility to use discernment regarding every applicant.**