

AUTOBIOGRAPHY GUIDE

Please write separate autobiographies, each of you sharing your childhood, adolescence and adulthood experiences that have contributed to who you are today. Include the following:

Birth family

- *State your birth date and place of birth. Siblings names, dates of birth and your birth order among siblings. Note your parent's names and descriptors of each
- *Describe your relationship with your parents during childhood. Also, describe their marriage during your childhood-areas of agreement/disagreement. If divorced, what age were you and how this impacted your life.
- *How were you disciplined as a child? By whom? Do you feel it was fair?
- *Who in the family did you feel closest to and why?

Growing Up

- *Describe yourself and your feelings about the following:
 - School life: most and least enjoyable aspects of your education;
 - Outside of school: interests, activities, dating
- *Describe the city or cities you grew up in
- *What are your happiest childhood memories, saddest, and angriest?
- *Describe any abuse history you may have/had. Describe any treatment pursued.

Courtship and Marriage

- *Describe how you met, how long you courted before you married
- *What were the attractions to each other?
- *Similarities and dissimilarities between families
- *Your mutual interests and separate interests
- *If you could, what would you change about your spouse?
- *List previous marriages-briefly outline the situation leading to the marriage and its dissolution

Religion

- *What was your religious orientation during childhood and adolescence?
- *What do you consider to be your current religious faith?
- *How do you practice it? Outline its importance in raising children

Finances

- *Do you have a budget? Please outline on the Financial Assessment form
- *Are you/have you ever been a defendant in any suits or legal action? Explain
- *Have you ever taken bankruptcy? Explain

Home and Neighborhood

- *Describe your home in terms of appearance, space, atmosphere, number of rooms, number of bedrooms/bathrooms
- *Is your present home adequate in terms of adding a child?
- *How would you describe your surrounding neighbors and/or neighborhood?

Community and Social Activity

- *What clubs, organizations and/or activities do you participate in and what is your degree of involvement?

Employment and Education

- *Write educational and employment history. If you have a current resume please attach