Family Record – Elder Frequently Asked Questions

The family record is designed to tell a story. The spaces provided for additional information about the individual are important and should be filled in completely with as much detail as possible (within the character limit of the field). Unbound-Kansas uses the information provided to create paragraphs for potential sponsors to read. If there is not enough unique information about the individual, all the stories seem the same.

**What would you like to share about yourself?**

* Are they single, married, widowed?
* Do they have any children? If yes, how many sons and/or daughters?
* Do they have any grandchildren? If yes, how many?
* Were they able to achieve an education?
* What makes them proud?
* What lessons they have learned over the years that they would like to share with others?
* What challenges have they faced and/or overcome?

**What is your favorite thing to do (Activities, talents, pastimes)?**

Highlight their passions, talents or favorite things they used to do when they were younger. Avoid only talking about doing basic household chores

* How do they enjoy spending free time?
* Do they have opportunities to socialize with friends and family? If so, what do they enjoy doing together?
* What is their favorite meal to prepare or eat?

**Additional information (personality etc.):**

This field is used to describe what makes the individual unique. Elders should provide their own responses to questions related to their personality and interests.

* What characteristics do they show? Is their personality outgoing or reserved?
* What are your favorite qualities about yourself?
* What adjectives would you use to describe yourself?

**Describe source(s) of income:**

This field is used to share detailed sentences about their current employment and earnings.

* Is the job permanent or temporary?
* Do they earn a fixed or unsteady income?

Example Occupations and Questions:

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| **Farmer/peasant farmer** | **Day laborer** |
| * What types of crops do they cultivate? | * What types of labor work do they do? |
| * Do they work independently, or do they work for someone else? | * Do they work independently, or do they work for someone else? |
| * Do they own or rent the land? |  |
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| **Weaver/Seamstress/Tailor** |  |
| * What types of garments do they make? |  |
| * Do they work independently, or do they work for someone else? |  |

**Additional information about the living situation and/or community:**

* Is the home rented or owned?
* Is the home structurally sound? Are there issues due to poor insulation or ventilation?
* Do they live with extended family? If yes, does the family have a separate living space? Are expenses, like food and utilities, shared?
* Does the home have sufficient space for everyone that lives there?
* Do they have separate spaces for sleeping and cooking?
* Are the furnishings adequate?
* Do they have access to a latrine?

Community:

* Are they located in an urban or rural community?
* What is the quality of the infrastructure, such as roads, utility services, etc.?
* Do they have access to public transportation? How do they travel into or out of the community?
* How far is the community from the nearest healthcare provider or market?
* How do the neighbors typically interact with each other?
* Does the community have communal spaces like parks?
* Are there any festivals or traditions observed in the area?
* Does the family feel safe in their community?
* Are there many employment opportunities available? What types of work are most common in this area?
* What is the typical climate? Does it affect the family's daily life or economic opportunities?
* Is the family from the area? If not, what brought them to their current community?

**Health:**

If the health of the applicant is not good, please be as specific as possible when providing details about why his/her health is fair or poor.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Does this person have any physical or mental limitations that will prevent him/her from fully caring for him/herself long term?

**\*\*An elder is not considered special needs if the health conditions are consistent with natural aging.**