



GRANT, LOAN & FUNDRAISING RESOURCES

ASSESSING FINANCIAL NEEDS

1. Review your current finances.
2. Estimate how much additional money you will need to complete your adoption.
3. Explore the options that are available to assist you in funding your adoption.
4. Understanding the adoption tax credit <http://www.irs.gov/>
 - Search adoption tax credit for most current information.
 - Set up a system for tracking expenses and saving receipts.
 - “Sixty-nine percent of all adoption credit claims during the 2012 filing season were selected for audit.”(2012 Annual Report to Congress, Tax Payer Advocate.)
5. Prepare your heart to accept financial assistance from family and friends. Some people are called to adoption and others are called to support others through the process.

GRANT, FUNDRAISING AND LOAN RESOURCES

The following presents organizations that offer grant, fundraising and loan assistance for families looking to adopt. Please note that many of these organizations require you to exhaust all other financial options before applying with their organization.

Resources 4 Adoption

www.resources4adoption.com/

This site provides several free resources on adoption and an e-newsletter. Families can pay for a subscription for a toolkit and a Grants and Loan Database. \$29.95 for 3 months.

Fund Your Adoption

www.fundyouradoption.tv

This site was started by adoptive parents and provides an extensive collection of adoption resources to guide families through their adoption journey and help them adopt debt free. Families can sign up for a free Adoption Funding Kit which includes lists of grant agencies and spread sheets to assist with tracking adoption related expenses and fund raising efforts. They also send out a weekly email and have other fundraising ideas on their website.



GRANTS

Abba Fund: Adoption Assistance for Christian Families

PO Box 868049
Plano, TX 75086-8049

Toll-free: 888.775.3422
Fax: 877.899.5067
www.abbafund.org

The Christian Family Adoption Grant Fund that allows families to activate their communities of friends and family to give into a charitable fund to help reduce the financial burden of their adoption by providing the key services to help transform an orphan into a son or daughter. This program offers the ability to fundraise from your social networks into a charitable adoption fund, your own adoption story, profile page and online contribution form on ABBA Fund's website, and the opportunity to initiate grant fund participation to help with the cost of a home study.

A Child's Hope International

A Child's Hope Adoption Fund
2430 East Kemper Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

Phone: 513.771.2244
<http://thechildrenarewaiting.org/adoption/our-fund/>

Applicants (single or married) must be active Christians, have a completed home study, and document financial need.

A Child Waits Foundation

1136 Barker Rd #12
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Phone: 866.999.2445
cnelson@achildwaits.org
<http://www.achildwaits.org/>

Grants are available to U.S and Canadian Citizens who are adopting internationally and have yearly household income below \$120,000. They accept applications from anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or disability. Applicants must have a complete home study and accepted the referral of a child. There is a \$20 application fee. Grants usually do not exceed \$5,000.



Adoption Bridge

27 Ferrand
Newport Coast, CA 92657

www.adoptionbridge.org

This website allows you to build to build a Waiting Family profile to help raise funds for up to 1/3 of the funds needed for the expenses of a domestic, international, or embryo adoption. There is a 3% credit card processing fee for donations.

Adoption Hope Foundation

PO Box 367
Greens Farms, CT 06838

Phone: 203.354.4971

<http://adoptionhopefoundation.org>

A financial grant program that strives to help couples/individuals from the state of Connecticut with the cost of their adoption by awarding grants in amounts varying from \$500 – \$15,000. Grants will be awarded three times a year in February, June, and October.

In order to apply for a grant, you must: Have a valid home study from a licensed and accredited adoption agency, be a U.S citizen that resides in the state of Connecticut and submit application prior to the placement of a child in your home.

Adoption Story Fund

2942 N. 24th St. Suite #114
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Phone: 602.688.4957

Grants for Christian families living in Arizona.

Adoption Together

251 W Central Ave. # 278
Springboro, OH 45066

www.adopttogether.org

When registering as an adopting family, you complete a brief online profile. Once confirmed as a prospective adopting family, your profile is made available to generous supporters for encouragement and designated gifts. There isn't a charge to create the profile, but a 5% transaction cost is deducted from all donations. Donations are processed through Pure Charity.



American Academy of Adoption Attorney Family Formation Charitable Trust

P.O. Box 33053
Washington, DC 20033

Phone: 202.832.2222

<http://www.adoptionattorneys.org/aaarta/charitable-trust>

Provide financial assistance to those individuals and nonprofit organizations seeking to build families through adoption and assisted reproductive technology. Grants are awarded twice a year, with the application deadlines being: March 1st and September first. There is a \$25 application fee and grants range from \$500-\$2000.

America's Christian Credit Union

2100 East Route 66
P.O. Box 5100
Glendora, CA 91710

Phone: 800.343.6328

info@americasccu.com

americaschristiancu.com

Angels in Disguise Grant

angelsindisguise.net

For families adopting children with Down's Syndrome.

Both Hands

bothhands.org

This organization (an affiliate of Lifesong for Orphans) cares for the orphan on one hand, and widows on the other. They do this by selecting a widow in need of help, such as a home improvement project. Then people work on the project, and get family and friends to sponsor their labor financially. The money goes to adoption grants.

Brittany's Hope

1160 North Market Street
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Phone: 717.367.9614

www.brittanyshope.org

Adoption Grants for families adopting children with special needs through affiliate organizations: All God's Children, Bethany Christian Services, Children's Home Society of Minnesota, Children's House International, Holt International, Madison Adoption Associates, Wide Horizons for Children.



Chosen & Dearly Loved

1400 Wewatta Street, Suite 900

Denver, CO 80202

Phone: 303.595.7755

<https://chosenanddearlyloved.org>

Adoption Grants up to \$5,000 for families adopting children with special needs.

Chosen for Life

1800 Hog Mountain Rd. Bldg 700-101

Watkinsville, GA 30677

Phone: 706.705.4257

www.chosenforlifeministries.org

Chosen Life Ministries offers financial assistance to Christian Couples living in Georgia who have completed their home study through a licensed child placing agency and who have invested their own time and money into the adoption process.

Childless Mothers Adopt

578 Washington Blvd. (712)

Marina del Rey, CA 90292

www.cmoma.org

We aim to give up to twenty \$5000 CMomA Grants, per year, to eligible new parents, adopting older children in need, both domestically and internationally.

Connected Hearts Ministry

<http://www.connectedheartsministry.org>

info@connectedheartsministry.org

Family Sponsorships allow individuals and organizations to make tax deductible donations towards the expenses of adopting a child who is older (over the age of 5), part of a sibling group, or who has special needs. Applicants must be married couples who demonstrate financial needs and who have been matched with a child through a 501(c)3 licensed child placing agency. Adoptions through the state foster care system are not eligible. All online donations incur a 3% PayPal transaction fee.



Ephesians 3:20 Foundation

6635 Willow Park Drive
Naples, FL 34109

<https://eph320foundation.org/apply.htm>

This organization helps Christian adoptive parents with grants between \$1,000-5,000. Married couples and singles (who are approved by the directors) may apply. Families must have a completed home study to apply. Funds are given at the end stages of the adoption process.

Families Outreach

1815 Pleasant Grove Blvd.
Jonesboro, AR 72401

<http://familiesoutreach.org/>

Grants are open to families adopting through a licensed 501(c)(3) agency who have a completed home study and apply for the grant prior to the placement of the child. Families must demonstrate financial need. Families must have the endorsement of their pastor and in good conscience affirm the organization's Value Statement.

Forever Families Foundation

256 Honeysuckle Rd, Suite 20
Dothan, AL 36305

<http://www.4everfamiliesfoundation.org/>

Grant recipients are chosen twice a year (check website for dates). Applicants must have an approved home study and submit a letter of reference from their pastor or small group leader along with their application.

Gift of Adoption Fund

P.O. Box 567
2001 Waukegan Road, 5th Floor
Techy, IL 60082

Phone: 877.905.2367
info@giftofadoption.org
www.giftofadoption.org

Gift of Adoption Fund provides grants to families and singles who are seeking to adopt. There seems to be no other limitations on who can apply for a grant, though the organization requires that any clients adopting internationally must do so through a COA-accredited agency. Grants can go up to \$7,500. The average grant award is about \$3,500. There is a \$50 application fee.



GoFundMe

www.gofundme.com

This online fundraising raising site allows you to raise funds for adoption and other personal campaigns. There is a 5% GoFundMe Platform Fee, a 2.9% +\$0.30 per donation payment processing fee so 7.9+\$0.30 per donation is paid to the site.

God's Grace Adoption Ministry

P.O. Box 4

Modesto, CA 95353

Phone: 209.572.4539

info@ggam.org

www.ggam.org

This Christian ministry provides monetary support and fundraising help to Christian married couples looking to adopt. There is a \$25 application fee. GGAM uses matching grants to help families meet adoption expenses. The matching grant is a commitment of funds by GGAM that is available to the family to the extent that the funds are matched by the family's community. A typical matching grant amount is \$1,000. The grant commitment is paid once a child (or children) has been placed in the adoptive family's custody. The family submits documentation of placement and the ministry sends funds directly to the family.

HANDinHAND Christian Adoption, Inc.

16469 Agnes St.

Gardner, KS 66030

Phone: 913.248.5015

www.handinhandadopt.org

Heart of the Bride

P.O. Box 786

Niceville, FL 32588

Phone: 850.678.9008

www.heartofthebride.org/here-at-home

Families must have a current approved home study by a licensed 501(c)3 placing adoption agency. Check the website for the next grant application deadline.



Help US Adopt

P.O. Box 787
New York, NY 10150
Phone 917.684.5484
info@helpusadopt.org
www.helpusadopt.org

Grants are awarded three times a year in February, June and October. Helpusadopt.org accepts applications from couples and individuals regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, marital status or sexual orientation. Priority will be given to applicants without children. To apply, families must have a completed home study. Grant amounts range from \$500 - \$15,000 depending on individual situations.

Here I Am Orphan Ministries

P.O. Box 831
Brenham, TX 77834

Phone: 979.421.6471
www.orphanministries.com

Here I Am Orphan Ministries has adoption grant and loan opportunities available to assist with adoption fees for Christian families in Texas.

Helping Kids Cope

341 Fieldcrest Drive
Nashville, TN 37211

Phone: 615.828.7885
Jennifer@helpingkidscope.com
www.helpingkidscope.com

Helping Kids Cope offers grants for families trying to adopt as well as grants for families who have adopted foster children. There are no restrictions on who can receive the money.

His Kids Too!

P.O. Box 14922
Tallahassee, FL 32317

Phone: 850.524.5437
director@hiskidstoo.org
www.hiskidstoo.org

This organization receives funds from donors, including those that the adoptive families recruit. His Kids then uses these funds to distribute grants to families adopting internationally through a licensed agency (though it doesn't guarantee that a specific donor's funding will go to a specific family). Those interested need to contact His Kids for more information.



International Care, INC

P.O. Box 19020
Baltimore, MD 21284

Phone: 800.513.9896
info@intlcare.org
www.intlcare.org/ICARE.htm

This Christian ministry provides monetary support to families looking to adopt internationally. They do ask that families exhaust all other means before requesting funds. Applications are available online, but families must also submit a letter.

JSC Foundation

www.jscfoundation.org
info@jscfoundation.org

Applications must be married Christian couples who have an approved home study through a 501(c)3 agency. The family's pastor is required to interview them and submit documents to the JSC Foundation. Application Deadlines: January 31, March 31, June 30, August 31, October 31.

Katelyn's Fund

1327 3rd Ave. SE
Sioux Center, IA 51250

www.katelynsfund.org

Two parent married, heterosexual, Christian families professing their belief in Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Savior. Families must have a home study completed through a licensed adoption agency. Priority is given to families with an annual income less than \$100,000. Grants will be \$3,000 contingent on available resources.

Kids for Kyla

P.O. Box 336904
Greedy, CO 80634-4232

www.kidsforkyla.org

Grant deadline is November 1st and recipients are notified in December of each year. Awards are presented at the annual Wine and Cheese event in February. Applicants must have an approved home study and working with a licensed adoption agency or licensed infertility specialist. Priority may be given to applicants who have no children.



Kingdom Kids Adoption Ministry

1417 N Lincoln
Spokane, WA 99201

Phone: 509.465.3520
ministry@kingdomkidsadoption.org
www.kingdomkidsadoption.org

By applying for a grant through Kingdom Kids, families agree to help raise money for Kingdom Kids overall grant pool, from which a family will be awarded. Donors cannot ask that a donation go to a specific family, though Kingdom Kids will make every reasonable effort to distribute the donated funds with the desire of the donor in mind. Contact Kingdom Kids to see if it has any qualifications.

Lifesong for Orphans

P.O. Box 40
202 N. Ford St.
Gridley, IL 61744

Phone: 309.747.4527
lifesong.org

Life International provides matching grants and no-interest loans to Christian married couples looking to adopt who have an approved home study. Matching grants usually range from \$1,000 to \$4,000; loan amounts are \$4,000-\$8,000.

Love Has Come

Forever Family Grant
PO Box 4861
Missoula, MT 59806

406-546-6021
www.lovehascome.com

Grants are for residents of Montana with the greatest financial need who complete the process with integrity and demonstrate their ability to provide a loving home consistent with the founding principles and values of LHC.



Lydia Fund

P.O. Box 156
Circle Pines, MN 55014

<http://lydiafund.org/>
info@lydiafund.org

This grant is for families adopting internationally and working with a licensed adoption agency. Applicants must be a married, heterosexual couple. Both parents must be Christians as defined by the Bible. Families must have a referral (with the exception of Ukraine) and have an estimated time of 3-12 months to travel from the application date.

Miriam's Heart Fund (through Lifesong)

6 So. Grosser Place, Suite 1
Somerset, NJ 08873

Phone: 732.356.2502
www.miriamsheart.org

Miriam's Heart partners with Lifesong to administer the fund. Miriam's Heart Fund provides grants and/or interest free covenant loans. For more information, email Elizabeth Occhipinti elizabeth@miriamsheart.org

National Adoption Foundation

P.O. Box 936
Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

Phone: 914.407.4193
www.fundyouradoption.org/adoption-grants

The grant program is open to all legal adoptions including public or private agency adoptions, international, special needs or adoptions facilitated by an attorney. There is no income requirement. There is a simple one page application and the only requirement to apply is a home study, or one in progress. The Foundation's board meets four times a year, during the last week of each quarter, to award adoption grants. The NAF's grants can range from \$500 to \$2,500, depending on the needs of the family and the circumstances surrounding the adoption. The National Adoption Foundation also offers loans and a website for adoptive parents to post their profiles for potential birth mothers.