
The
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ADOPTION LOANS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

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NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Help Us Adopt

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Helpusadopt.org is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) financial assistance grant program providing qualified couples and individuals -regardless of race, ethnicity, marital status, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or disability- with grants of up to \$15,000 towards their domestic, international, foster, or special needs adoption expenses.

URL:

www.helpusadopt.org/application.html

AMOUNT:

\$500 - \$15,000

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International, Foster, Special Needs

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption Grant

QUALIFICATIONS:

Demonstrated financial need

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed approved home study

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

October 12, April 12

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Caroline's Promise

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

A NC-based organization that advocates for orphans through adoptive family assistance, orphan care, and education.

URL:

www.carolinespromise4u.org/adoptive-family-assistance/

AMOUNT:

\$3,000

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grant

QUALIFICATIONS:

Financial need

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Received referral and are lacking last bit of money to complete adoption process.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

March 15, June 15, September 15, December 15,

SPECIAL NOTES:

For Christian couples living in North or South Carolina.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Sea of Faces Foundation

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Sea of Faces was established to encourage Christian families with financial assistance to offset the expenses of bringing [orphans] into their hearts and homes through adoption.

URL:

www.seaoffaces.org/grants.htm

AMOUNT:

\$1,000 - \$3,000

KIND OF ADOPTION:

International (from a developing country)

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grant

QUALIFICATIONS:

Urgency of need, church involvement, overall financial stewardship, adoption impact on your financial future and your adoption story

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Have a referral, completed home study, and have an approved I-171H or I-797C.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31

SPECIAL NOTES:

For married Christian couples. Must sign organization's Statement of Faith.

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

LifeSong for Orphans

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Lifesong helps to remove financial barriers in adoption through matching grants, interest-free loans, and Both Hands service projects to help raise funds for adoption expenses.

URL:

www.lifesongfororphans.org/adGrantLoans.html
www.lifesongfororphans.org/bothHands.html

AMOUNT:

\$1,000-\$4,000 for grants, up to \$12,000 for loans

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Matching Grants, Interest-Free Loans, Both Hands adoption fundraiser

QUALIFICATIONS:

Need of the child (special needs, older child etc), the financial need of the prospective adoptive parents, and the referral and level of support from the local church pastor/leader

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

After completing a home study.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

For 2-parent Christian families. Also provides a 'support-raising' process.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Katelyn’s Fund

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

The simple definition of Katelyn’s Fund would be to bring orphan awareness to others, provide emotional and prayer support to families, and assist Christian families with the high costs of adoptions...although the ministry of Katelyn’s Fund is so much more. As we seek to capture the heart of adoption, we are devoted to actively and boldly speak of God’s loving call for us as His adoptive children.

URL:

katelynsfund.org/index.php?page=criteria-and-guidelines

AMOUNT:

\$3,000

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Unspecified

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grant

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be married Christian couple, must work with a licensed adoption agency, must demonstrate financial hardship with adoption expenses.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study. 60 days before travel.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

Must be married Christian couple working with a licensed adoption agency. Applications must be submitted at least 60 days before travel and applicants must have an interview with the board before travel occurs.

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

God’s Grace Adoption Ministry

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

God’s Grace Adoption Ministry, Inc. was established in 1998 as a non-profit organization dedicated to helping place orphaned children of the world into forever families. GGAM seeks to help Christian families overcome the financial burden of adopting children. GGAM believes that the placement of children into Christian homes ministers to their physical needs, but more importantly, influences their lives eternally for the Kingdom of God.

URL:

ggam.org/apply/

AMOUNT:

\$2,500

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Most kinds

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Matching adoption grants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Families with annual household incomes of \$60,000 or less.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Any stage

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

For two-parent Christian families



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Show Hope

SELF-DESCRIPTION: Show Hope is a non-profit organization that mobilizes individuals and communities to meet the most pressing needs of orphans in distress by providing 1) homes for waiting children through adoption aid grants, and 2) life-saving medical care for orphans with special needs.

URL:

www.showhope.org/AdoptionAid/AdoptionGrants.aspx

AMOUNT:

Varies

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International, Foster Care

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Priority given to families demonstrating financial need.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

Single Christian parents are eligible.

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

A Child Waits Foundation

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

We provide low interest adoption loans and adoption grants for families who have exhausted other financial options and could not proceed with their adoption without our help.

URL:

www.achildwaits.org/

AMOUNT:

Up to \$5,000 for grants, up to \$10,000 for loans

KIND OF ADOPTION:

International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants and low-interest loans

QUALIFICATIONS:

Age/medical condition of the child, cost of the adoption, the families' financial situation.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

In the process with a licensed adoption agency

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

Funds paid directly to adoption agency. Grants awarded to qualified U.S. citizens regardless of marital status, race, religion or national origin.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Gift of Adoption Fund

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Affording Adoption Foundation

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

A national charitable organization that inspires adoption by providing grants to qualified parents – giving children who need families a permanent home and a chance to thrive.

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Through fundraising efforts and donor support we help close the gap between families considering bringing a child into their home and the moment a child hears “Welcome Home!”

URL:

www.giftofadoption.org/apply/whoShouldApply.html

URL:

www.affordingadoption.com/grantapplication/

AMOUNT:

\$1,000 - \$7,500

AMOUNT:

\$1,000

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Unspecified

QUALIFICATIONS:

Unspecified

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Must be matched with a child.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

July 1, September 1, November 1

SPECIAL NOTES:

The number of biological children or adopted children in the home does not impact eligibility. Grants are awarded regardless of religion, race, age, marital status, or sexual orientation. If adopting internationally, adoption agency must be COA certified.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Single parents can apply.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

National Adoption Foundation

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

The National Adoption Foundation was established in 1994 by adoptive parents who understand the unmet needs faced by families in the adoption process. The National Adoption Foundation is the only national resource dedicated exclusively to facilitating the entire process by providing support, information and services directly to adoptive families before, during and after adoptions are finalized.

The mission of the National Adoption Foundation is to grow families in America. We accomplish this by removing financial barriers and providing information, services and a supportive community to adoptive families. The Foundation's programs are available to any family whether they are adopting an infant, a child from abroad or a child from foster care.

URL:

www.nafadopt.org/how-we-can-help/how-we-can-help.shtml

AMOUNT: \$500 - \$2,500

KIND OF ADOPTION: All legal adoptions

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE: Adoption grants and loans

QUALIFICATIONS: Unspecified

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study, or one in progress.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: Quarterly

SPECIAL NOTES:

The grant program has no exclusions as to race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, family characteristics, or income.

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Reece's Rainbow

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

The mission of Reece's Rainbow is to rescue orphans with Down syndrome through the gift of adoption, to raise awareness for all of the children who are waiting in 25 countries around the world, and to raise funds as adoption grants that help adoptive families afford the high cost of adopting these beautiful children.

URL:

www.reecesrainbow.org/new-family/financing-your-adoption

AMOUNT:

Varies

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Special needs

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants for children awaiting adoption.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Unspecified

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Unspecified.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

Have a list of children awaiting adoption on website.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Brittany's Hope

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Parenthood for Me, Inc.

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Brittany's Hope Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 foundation dedicated to aiding and facilitating adoptions of special needs children from around the world.

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Providing financial and emotional assistance with educational tools for those starting families through adoption and medical intervention.

URL:

www.brittanyshope.org/seedling/

URL:

www.parenthoodforme.org/grants/

AMOUNT:

Unspecified

AMOUNT:

Unspecified

KIND OF ADOPTION:

International special needs

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Unspecified

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Matching adoption grants

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption and infertility grants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must work with affiliated agencies

QUALIFICATIONS:

Demonstration of stable family environment and financial need.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Unspecified

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Unspecified

SPECIAL NOTES:

Application cycle closed for 2012



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

One Less Ministries

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

AdoptionGrant

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

One Less Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our purpose is to continually work towards one less: one less orphan, one less victim of human trafficking, one less victim of sexual exploitation, one less victim of poverty.

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

AdoptionGrant is an essay contest created to award one family per year money towards their upcoming adoption. One winner will be picked yearly by a review committee on November 1st, in honor of National Adoption Month.

URL:

www.onelessministries.org/adoptiongrant/

URL:

www.adoptiongrant.net/

AMOUNT:

\$500

AMOUNT:

Unspecified

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grant

QUALIFICATIONS:

Financial need, references (including pastor questionnaire)

QUALIFICATIONS:

Essay contest. Also, demonstration of financial need, perseverance and imminence of adoption.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Unspecified. Decisions are made November 1.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The number of children currently in your house does not affect selection. Marital status, gender, sexual orientation, race, creed, national origin, and religion are not considered when reviewing your application.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Families Outreach

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

The mission of Families Outreach is to bring hope to the fatherless. Families Outreach seeks to follow the command of James 1:27 by doing our part to care for the over 163 million orphans worldwide. Our approach is threefold: assist couples adopting through financial grants, develop active partnerships with orphan care providers, and mobilize the Church to become adoption/orphan advocates.

URL:

www.familiesoutreach.org/adoption-grant-program/

AMOUNT:

Unspecified

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Unspecified

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Leading of the Holy Spirit, financial need, needs of the child, and referrals

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

For married Christian couples.

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Elijah's Truth

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Elijah's Truth was established by God's Children Adoption Agency, Inc. to provide financial adoption assistance to families who desire to adopt, but demonstrate a financial need. Our mission is to show the truth of God's love by welcoming children in His name.

URL:

www.elijahstruth.com/grants.html

AMOUNT:

Unspecified

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Minority Domestic, International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Financial need, references (including pastoral),

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Matched to a child for a domestic adoption. Received referral for international adoptions.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15

SPECIAL NOTES:

For Christian adoptive families. Applicants must live in Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Sophie’s Foundation

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

The Lydia Fund

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Sophie’s Foundation was created in response to the growing need to provide assistance to orphans. Instead of simply providing funding to adoptive families, which the Foundation does, the founders, Doug and Christiane Potts, recognized that through helping agencies and organizations that work with orphans and adoptions they could provide much needed assistance to many more children.

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

LYDIA’s mission is to encourage and enable Christian couples in greater Minnesota to adopt children from orphanages and similar institutions overseas by providing financial assistance for their overseas program fees and agency-designated in-country expenses.

URL:

www.sophiesfoundation.org/adoptiongrants.html

URL:

www.lydiafund.org/apply/

AMOUNT:

Up to 30% of total adoption expenses.

AMOUNT:

Unspecified

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Unspecified

KIND OF ADOPTION:

International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption grants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Financial need, references,

QUALIFICATIONS:

Interview.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Home study is completed or underway.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

Grants go directly to agency or attorney

SPECIAL NOTES:

For married Christian couples. Primarily for families in the greater Minnesota area.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

The Micah Fund

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

The MICAH Fund’s core goal is to provide financial assistance to prospective Christian adoptive parents who are seeking to adopt minority children.

URL:

www.micahfund.org/pre-adoption-program/financial-grants/

AMOUNT:

Unspecified

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Minority domestic

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Matching adoption grants

QUALIFICATIONS:

Interview

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

For Christian couples living in Minnesota and the surrounding states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

ABBA Fund

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

ABBA Fund provides interest-free covenant loans to Christian couples who are called by God to expand their families through adoption and who need help with the “cash flow crunch” posed by adoption expenses.

URL:

www.abbafund.org/

AMOUNT:

No limit.

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Interest-free adoption loans

QUALIFICATIONS:

(a) Spiritual maturity; (b) worldview; (c) the length and stability of the applicants’ marriage; (d) church involvement; (e) philosophy of education; (f) whether the mother works outside the home or is at home with the children; and (g) how much of their own money the applicants are putting into the adoption.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

For married Christian couples.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

America’s Christian
Credit Union

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Oxford Adoption
Foundation

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

ACCU provides financial solutions to individuals and ministries that empower them to reach their financial goals while expanding God’s Kingdom. Every dollar entrusted to us gets reinvested to build churches and fund ministry.

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Oxford Adoption Foundation was formed to help families to adopt internationally by providing low interest loans to assist with the expenses associated with the international adoption process.

URL:

www.americaschristiancu.com/personal/loans/adoption-loans.html

URL:

www.oxfordadoption.com/

AMOUNT:

Up to \$50,000

AMOUNT:

\$5,000

KIND OF ADOPTION:

Domestic, International

KIND OF ADOPTION:

International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption loans

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Low-interest adoption loans

QUALIFICATIONS:

Unspecified

QUALIFICATIONS:

Unspecified

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Unspecified

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Completed home study

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

Interest rates have three tiers over 9 year repayment of loans.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Old National Bank

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

His Kids Too!
Adoption Assistance Program

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Large regional bank based in Indiana.

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

This is a wonderful program designed so that your friends and family can assist you financially with adoption costs. This grant program is set up that donors make tax-deductible donations to His Kids Too! (only donations greater than \$25.00 will receive a tax benefit) and then you may apply for a grant for the funds generated by donors. All funds generated become the property of His Kids Too!, a 501(c) (3) charity. Due to IRS regulations, we cannot guarantee all funds received will benefit your personal adoption expenses, His Kids Too! makes its best effort to afford you your requested grant

URL:

www.oldnational.com/personal/loans-credit-cards/loan-services-and-products/adoption-loans.asp

URL:

www.hiskidstoo.org.html

AMOUNT:

Up to \$10,000

KIND OF ADOPTION:

International only

KIND OF ADOPTION:

International

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption Grant

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Adoption home equity lines or loans.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Rolling

QUALIFICATIONS:

Unspecified

SPECIAL NOTES:

Funds are disbursed to licensed adoption agencies only, NO independent adoption facilitation groups. For fund disbursement, a bill from the adoption agency needs to be sent to our office, requesting grant funds pay the adoption expense. For bills already paid, a paid receipt is necessary for reimbursement.

ADOPTION PROCESS STAGE:

Unspecified

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Rolling

SPECIAL NOTES:

Works with Families Through International Adoption



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

The Manna Group

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

The Manna Group is focused solely on fundraising. We were established to serve the Chicago land area. Manna Group scrip orders are processed Mondays through Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Orders may be placed by calling 847-202-8442, by fax at 847-202-8451 or on-line at www.mannaorders.net. Payment is made by check or Automated Direct Payment (ACH debit). Manna Group applies a 1/2% to 1% fee to your order, based on volume, while offering the highest discounts available on all scrip to ensure your profit remains the same on either program.

URL:

www.mannagroup.net.html

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Fundraising

QUALIFICATIONS:

The Manna Group requires no signed contract to enroll on our program. All that is necessary to begin is to visit our website at www.mannagroup.net and Enroll now.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Once enrolled a representative from our office will contact you and help you to start your Manna program. You will be provided with all the necessary tools to help run your program.

NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

ICARE

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

Int'l Care, Inc. was originally created to "provide a way for international orphans to be adopted by loving families." Due to the economic strains of the last several years, we have changed our focus. We currently are not accepting applications for grants, but would consider setting up an account to handle your donations if you have funding sources that need a 501(C) 3 to donate to. For inquiries on this topic, send an email to info@intlcare.org.

URL:

www.intlcare.org.html

SPECIAL NOTES:

Int'l Care from time to time will participate in fund-raising programs so that we may further our mission, "To Provide a way for International Orphans to be Adopted by Loving Families and Serve Them When Adoption Isn't Possible." Please support our fund-raising efforts and help us to create a better life for international orphans by providing their adoptive families or care facilities with much-needed financial assistance.



NAME OF FUNDING ORGANIZATION:

Love Knows No Borders

SELF-DESCRIPTION:

LKNB was founded in 2000 in an effort to assist with the costs of domestic and international adoption. LKNB is an organization that believes that financial concerns need not serve as an obstacle to individuals and couples willing to open their hearts to a child through adoption.

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APPLICATION:

To apply, please send self-addressed envelope (2 stamps please) to:

Love Knows No Borders
500 B Monroe Turnpike
P.O. Box 350
Monroe, Connecticut 06468

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