

GIFT OF ADOPTION

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We believe a child without a family is one of life's great tragedies because a child without a permanent home suffers.

Orphanages and foster homes do not offer permanent solutions for the millions of children who need a family. All children deserve the dignity and love that comes from being a permanent part of a family.

Gift of Adoption is committed to creating those families.

Gift of Adoption is 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.

You want to bring your child home. We want to help.

If you are facing a financial hurdle on your adoption journey, learn how Gift of Adoption may be able to help.

A Gift of Adoption grant will help remove the financial obstacle to bring your child home. Gift of Adoption is the premier adoption assistance organization – putting adoption in reach by granting the last necessary funds to qualified families who need financial assistance regardless of race, religion, age, or marital status.



ADOPTION ASSISTANCE GRANTS Application Guidelines



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GRANT GUIDELINES



- Any U.S. citizen adopting from anywhere in the world (domestic or internationally) who has an approved home study from a Hague accredited adoption agency is eligible to apply for a Gift of Adoption grant.



- Gift of Adoption does not consider an applicant's marital status, gender, race, creed, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation when reviewing applications.

- Financial need and perseverance must be demonstrated (see Grant Selection Criteria)

- The number of biological children or adopted children in the home does not impact eligibility.



- The average grant award is \$3,500. The maximum grant is \$10,000.

- Grants are awarded monthly.

- All funding comes directly from private donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, and community groups.

- A one-time \$50 application fee is required to apply for a grant.

- Gift of Adoption does not fund full adoptions. We provide the last bit of help needed to bring a child home.



GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Gift of Adoption Grant Selection Committee reviews completed applications and determines grant recipients and amounts. All applications will be reviewed by the Grant Selection Committee. Every effort will be made to present your application to the committee at the time most favorable for your particular situation.

The Grant Selection Committee evaluates a number of factors when considering an application including:

The **qualification** of the applicant: U.S. citizen with an approved home study from a licensed agency adopting domestically or internationally from a Hague accredited agency. Utilizing a Hague accredited agency assures adherence to the Hague Convention on Adoption standards.

The **imminence** of the adoption. Although qualified applicants are invited to apply anytime after the successful completion of a home study, the committee will not typically review applications until a match or referral has been accepted and the adoption is expected to happen within six months.

The **financial need** of the applicant. The committee will consider the annual household income, monthly income and expenses, assets, and debts when making its decisions.

While there are no firm measures related to these items, the committee does look to see that there is an identifiable financial need and that the applicants have been fiscally responsible and good stewards of their available resources.

The **perseverance** shown by the applicant to complete the adoption.

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FUNDING PRIORITIES

The child's unique situation.

The committee considers the unique and compelling situation of each applicant and, primarily, the child's they are adopting.

While not solely limited to these categories, The Gift of Adoption's greatest priorities encompass:

For domestic adoptions, the priority is to award grants that:

- Help keep children from unnecessarily entering the foster care system.
- Unite biological siblings or prevent them from being separated.

For international adoptions, the priority is to award grants that:

- Unite or preserve biological siblings in the same family.
- Prevent a child from 'aging-out' of the orphanage or foster care system.
- Facilitate the placement of a child with a critical medical condition who will not receive proper care until adopted.

How to apply

To begin the application process, visit giftofadoption.org to download a grant application.

In order for Gift of Adoption to make a decision regarding your application, submit each of the following items with your completed application:

- Copy of your most recent tax return
- Copy of your approved home study
- Two letters of reference
- Check in the amount of \$50.00 (A one-time \$50 application fee is required to apply for a grant.)

If you have any questions concerning Gift of Adoption or the application process, please email grants@giftofadoption.org

Information provided in the application is held confidential. Gift of Adoption Fund respects the privacy of individuals applying for a grant and wants you to feel comfortable that the information you provide is used for no other purpose than the consideration of this grant request.

You must have an approved home study from an adoption agency or social worker before beginning the application process.