



Madison Adoption Associates

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Grant Agency Resource List

There are many organizations that offer grants to help defray the costs of adoption. For those parents that qualify, grants are an excellent way of financing an adoption because the money does not have to be repaid. Grants are typically awarded based upon financial need or personal hardship, although each grant has its own eligibility requirements.

*Please review the list below to determine which grants you may qualify for!
MAA is always happy to provide verifications or recommendations for you! Good Luck!*

A Child Waits (www.achildwaits.org)

Caroline's Promise (www.carolinespromise4u.org)

North Carolina and South Carolina residents only

Caroline's Promise provides grants of \$3,000 - \$5,000 to Christian families to help with the cost of international adoption. Grants are available to families who have a completed home study and are using a licensed agency.

Gift of Adoption Fund (www.giftofadoption.org)

Applicants must have a completed and approved homestudy prepared by a qualified agency or professional licensed in the state in which they reside before they can apply for a grant. Applicants are evaluated based on their income, assets, liabilities, earning potential, and other financial resource opportunities. Preference is given to applicants who are experiencing extraordinary financial hardship. Examples of this include adopting a special needs child and/or situational hardship on the part of the parents. Grant amounts vary between \$1,000 and \$3,500 with an average of \$3,500. There is a onetime \$40 grant application fee. Grants are awarded monthly. E-mail: info@giftofadoption.org

God's Grace Adoption Ministries (www.ggam.org)

God's Grace Adoption Ministry works in cooperation with the adoption agency to assist with the family's financial needs. Help is available in the form of adoption matching grants or assistance in adoption fundraising. Grants are offered to two-parent, Christian families who make less than \$60,000 a year. The matching grants are between \$1,000 and \$4,000, with \$2,000 being the average amount given. A \$10 application fee is charged.

Hebrew Free Loan Association (www.hflasf.org)

Offers interest-free loans to Jewish adults who wish to adopt children internationally or domestically. Adoptive parents may borrow up to \$10,000 toward the expenses incurred for the adoption of a child.

Help Us Adopt (www.helpusadopt.org)

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. Grants are awarded twice a year in June & December. Applicants must have a completed home study to apply.



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His Kids, Too! (www.hiskidstoo.org)

His Kids, Too! Is a Christian nonprofit international humanitarian aid organization that provides aid to orphans and widows in several countries, although their primary focus is Ukraine, Russia, and Albania. For parents adopting international children, His Kids Too! provides an adoption grant of up to \$2,000 for one child, and up to \$4,000 for two children. Grants are paid directly to the agency or facilitation service.

IBSEN Adoption Network (www.ibsenadoptionnetwork.com)

Washington State Families only

Ibsen is a Christian organization that provides grants up to \$1000 to families adopting waiting children, special needs children or hard to place children. Currently, this program is open only to residents of Washington State although they hope to expand nationally in the future.

ICare, Inc. (www.intlcare.org/helpingyou2.html)

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.

Kinsman Redeemer Fund (http://64.123.230.204/kinsmanredeemer/financial_assistance.html)

Missouri Families Only

Kinsman Redeemer knows very well about the financial costs of adoption and believes more couples would adopt children both domestically and internationally if help with the financial aspects was available. Kinsman Redeemer provides grants from \$1,000 to \$7,000 to Christian adoptive couples living in or with family ties to Missouri.

Lifesong for Orphans (www.lifesongfororphans.org)

Life song for Orphans encourages Christian couples to adopt a child by relieving some of the financial burden of international adoption. They offer interest-free loans and matching grants.

Lydia Adoption Fund (www.lydiafund.org)

The Lydia Fund was created to help married Christian couples defray the costs of international adoption. Application and all application materials must be in by 3 months prior to travel dates.

National Adoption Foundation (www.nafadopt.org)

The National Adoption Foundation provides financial resources, information and services for adoptive and prospective adoptive families. Families can apply for outright grants from this organization. The grant program is open to all kinds of adoptions. There is no income requirement for applicants. Grants range from \$500 to \$2,500 and are available to prospective adoptive parents 4 times a year. Although there is no income requirement to apply, the NAF is inundated with grant requests so funds will be awarded to the neediest families first, depending on the funds available at the time of the application.



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Sea of Faces Foundation (www.seaoffaces.org)

Grants are available to Christian, married couples, with a completed home study and who are working with a licensed and accredited agency to adopt internationally from a developing country. Grants are given up to \$3,000 and are given in the months of March, June, September and December. Families must have a referral before grants is given. A \$15 donation is requested at time of application.

Show Hope (www.showhope.org)

Show Hope provides grants to Christians adopting through a non-profit adoption agency. Home study must be complete at time of application and the application is done on-line. Funding priority will be given to families experiencing the greatest need, and those who are receiving financial help from their church. Application deadlines are six times a year.

The Micah Fund (www.micahfund.org)

The MICAH Fund's core goal is to provide financial assistance to prospective Christian adoptive parents who are seeking to adopt minority children. This is done in the form of one-time monetary grants. To receive this grant, parents must apply to the MICAH Fund and be approved.

The Sparrow Fund (www.sparrow-fund.org)

The Sparrow Fund is committed to supporting adoptive family by providing grants to pay for medical reviews of the child they are referred. To receive this grant, parents must apply to the Sparrow Fund and be approved.

ADOPTION LOAN INFORMATION:

A Child Waits (www.achildwaits.org)

This organization provides loans up to \$10,000 for one child. They are interested in assisting families who can financially support a child and repay the loan, but who do not have the current funds to adopt. Phone: 866-999-2445

AdoptionFinancing.com (www.adoptionfinancing.com)

AdoptionFinancing.com is now offering a brand new financing program for adoption. Fill Out the application at AdoptionFinancing.com and they will work with their network of More than 30 lenders to find the right financing for your needs.

AFFUSA, A Loan Processing Company (<http://apfusa.com>)

The AFFUSA offer loan locating programs for Medical, Legal, Adoption Expenses. Go to their website to apply.

Hebrew Free Loan Association/DOMOI Foundation (www.hflasf.org//adopt-loans.html)

This foundation provides loans of up to \$10,000 for Jewish families who wish to adopt. Phone: 415-546-9902.



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National Adoption Foundation (www.nafadopt.org)

This organization has established a \$9 million revolving loan bank to provide unsecured loans to adoptive families. This program provides secured and unsecured loans available for adoption related costs. Phone numbers: 888-627-8767, 800-626-2760, 800-841-1982. Your payments and interest then help other adoptive parents. The foundation has a limited program to provide grants from \$500 to \$4000 to assist families with adoption costs.

FUNDRAISING RESOURCES:

Brittany's Hope

Madison Adoption Associates is proud to partner with Brittany's Hope to help deserving children and families. 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. Any MAA family can apply for a "Seedling Grant" to help offset adoption expenses. For more information, please contact Sara Lang at Sara.MAA@comcast.net, and visit www.brittanyshope.org

Both Hands

Both Hands is a non-profit organization with a two-fold mission. The organization serves widows in a very practical way in our communities, while raising funds to help willing families adopt. The Both Hands mission is to bring comfort to widows in the form of home repairs and landscaping, while partnering with Lifesong for Orphans to bring aid to orphans and provide financial assistance to adoptive families.

For more information, contact <http://bothhandsfoundation.org/home.aspx>

Both Hands Foundation

P.O. Box 2713, Brentwood, TN 37024

phone: 615-969-7565

147 Million Orphans

If there is one common obstacle you will hear from families considering adoption, it is that ADOPTION IS EXPENSIVE! 147 Million Orphans is thrilled to partner with families who are actively involved in the adoption process, both domestically and internationally. They have developed a program that allows you to purchase gear from their collection at wholesale prices. In turn, you can sell that gear at full retail price with the profits being used for your adoption costs. They have also developed gear that is exclusive to fundraising families! For more information, please contact <http://www.147millionorphans.com/>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Adoption Tax Credit

Taxpayers who adopt a child may qualify for the **adoption tax credit**. This tax credit has been enhanced for the years 2010 and 2011. You qualify for the adoption tax credit if you adopted a child and paid out-of-pocket expenses relating to the adoption. The amount of the tax credit you qualify for is directly



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related to how much money you spent on adoption-related expenses. If you adopt a special needs child, however, you are entitled to claim the full amount of the adoption credit, even if your out-of-pocket expenses are less than the tax credit amount.

Official webpage for the IRS adoption tax credit and necessary forms:

<http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html>

Employer Adoption Benefits

Many employers will help with costs by reimbursing adoption expenses with a cash benefit of up to several thousand dollars. If your employer does not offer this benefit, call Adoption and the Workplace at the National Adoption Center (800-862-3678) for materials to guide you in requesting adoption assistance from your employer.

Article on “How to Lobby Your Employer for Adoption Benefits” is available on:

<http://library.adoption.com/Employer-Adoption-Benefits/How-to-Lobby-Your-Employer-for-Adoption-Benefits/article/133/1.html>

Military Non-Recurring Subsidy

The military will reimburse active-duty personnel up to \$2000 reimbursement on adoption expenses for one child or \$5,000 for siblings. Reimbursement is made after the adoption is finalized and if the adoption is completed through a licensed agency. Eligible personnel should complete DD for 2673 and see Defense Finances and Accounting Service Instruction 1341 for more information. Additional details can be found by calling 1-303-333-0845.

ALSO....

Become a member at www.Resources4adoption.com to receive a downloadable Grant resource list that updates automatically each month with the most current adoption grants.

Please contact Diana Bramble at Diana.MAA@comcast.net if you have any additional resources to include on this list. Thank you!