



Adoption Grant List

1. Broad Adoption Grants: Domestic + International

These programs support more than one major adoption path. Some also include foster, kinship, special-needs, or private adoption.

Organization	Adoption types	Award / aid	Important details	Website
A Child Waits Foundation	Domestic + international; some foster-care adoptions	Up to \$8,000	Completed home study required. Applications accepted year-round. U.S. or Canadian citizens. No faith requirement. Domestic program can include newborn, older child, sibling, disruption/dissolution, and foster adoption when state costs are not covered.	A Child Waits Foundation
Adoption Hope Foundation	Domestic + international	\$500-\$15,000	Valid home study required; U.S. citizen or adoption finalized in the U.S.; apply before placement. Awards are made three times yearly (Feb., June, Oct.; postmark deadlines generally Jan. 15, May 15, Sept. 15).	Adoption Hope Foundation
Anna Cheri Foundation	Domestic + international	Varies	Christian-oriented foundation. Requires agency letter, two years of tax returns, current home study, two references (including pastor), and family photo. Listed deadlines: June 30 and Dec. 31. Funds go to the adoption agency.	Anna Cheri Foundation
Beauty Amidst the Ashes	Domestic + international	Varies	Christian adoption grant. 2026 application materials required references and supporting documents; funds are paid directly to the agency/attorney. The 2026 posted deadline was April 30, so watch for the next cycle.	Beauty Amidst the Ashes
Ephesians 3:20 Foundation	Domestic + international; special-needs considered	Varies (historically \$1,000-\$5,000)	Faith-based; supports gospel-centered families. Applications have historically been accepted during a limited annual window, and	Ephesians 3:20 Foundation

			requirements have included a completed home study and financial need.	
Forever Home Foundation	Domestic + international; public/private agency	Varies	Faith-based. Apply during or after home study. No stated income ceiling. Board reviews quarterly, then interviews selected families. Pastor referral requested. Awarded funds are generally paid directly to adoption professionals.	Forever Home Foundation
Gift of Adoption Fund	Domestic + international	Typically \$1,000-\$15,000	U.S. citizen; approved current home study required. Financial need and commitment to completing the adoption are considered. Does not fund embryo adoption. International cases must use an accredited agency. Usually reviewed once matched/referred and adoption is relatively imminent.	Gift of Adoption Fund
God's Grace Adoption Ministry	Domestic + international	Matching grant / assistance; amount varies	Christian-focused assistance. Historically offers matching grants and/or other financial aid through the family's adoption professional. Requirements and current funding availability should be confirmed before applying.	God's Grace Adoption Ministry
Heart of the Bride	Domestic + international (historically international emphasis)	Varies / matching assistance	Christian ministry. Older program materials describe adoption assistance and matching grants, with funds tied to qualified adoption expenses. Public materials have varied over time, so confirm whether applications are currently open.	Heart of the Bride
Helpusadopt.org	Domestic + international + foster-care adoption	Up to \$20,000	Nationwide grant program. Open to couples and individuals without religious, race, marital-status, gender, or sexual-orientation restrictions. Completed home study required. No application fee.	Helpusadopt.org
JSC Foundation	Domestic + international	Historically up to \$20,000	Christian married couples; historical income cap \$120,000; completed home study and licensed 501(c)(3) adoption	JSC Foundation

			agency required. Current application availability is difficult to verify, so families should confirm before relying on it.	
Kane's Gift	Domestic + international	Varies	Adoption grant program founded by an adoptive family. Application request asks for a completed home study and home-study agency information. Contact/application request is available online.	Kane's Gift
Katelyn's Fund Orphan Ministry	Domestic + international	Up to \$3,000	Two-parent married heterosexual Christian families; licensed adoption agency and completed home study required. Domestic: apply within 45 days of placement. International: application/interview must occur before travel. Priority often given to households under \$100,000.	Katelyn's Fund Orphan Ministry
Lifesong for Orphans	Domestic + international	Matching grants + interest-free loans + fundraising support	Christian-focused program. Completed home study required; application generally must be received before placement. Useful for families who want both grant assistance and a structured fundraising platform.	Lifesong for Orphans
National Adoption Foundation	Domestic + international + special needs; public/private/attorney	\$500-\$2,000	No income requirement. Home study may be complete or in progress. Open to legal non-relative adoptions. Board meets quarterly; grants are sent to the adoption attorney and held for adoption expenses.	National Adoption Foundation
Omnah Foundation	Domestic + international	Varies	Christian, two-parent home; at least one U.S. citizen; completed current home study; demonstrated financial need. Applicants agree to the foundation's statement of faith and to share aspects of their adoption story.	Omnah Foundation
ONE17 Foundation	Domestic + international + private/open + kinship + foster	\$3,000 matched; \$1,500 not-yet-matched (current FAQ)	Completed home study, agreement with a licensed 501(c)(3) agency, and pre-placement status. No set income	ONE17 Foundation

			limit. Story-sharing is central to selection. Application windows depend on funding, with a goal of opening about quarterly.	
Pure Gift of God	Domestic + international	Varies	Completed home study required. Must be using a licensed 501(c)(3) nonprofit placing agency and must apply before placement. Requires tax return, agency cost verification, family photo, and pastor reference. Response target is within 90 days.	Pure Gift of God
Show Hope	Domestic + Hague international	\$8,000-\$12,000	Faith-based. Completed home study; licensed 501(c)(3) placing agency; apply before placement. Does not fund foster-care, embryo, independent attorney/facilitator, for-profit agency, or non-Hague international adoptions. 2026 deadlines include Jan. 5, Mar. 31, June 30, Sept. 30.	Show Hope
One Chance Foundation	Domestic + international (historical)	Historically about \$5,000	Foundation associated with author Karen Kingsbury. Your original resource notes awards tied to book-sale funding and a requirement that the family be within roughly \$5,000 of its fundraising goal. Current public grant application information is not clearly available.	One Chance Foundation
Joseph's DreamCoat	Domestic + international (historical)	Historically \$2,000-\$5,000	Faith-based program associated with Orphan Outreach. Your resource notes Christian commitment, income below \$120,000, triannual decisions, and that families had raised about 70% of needed funds. Current grant availability is not clearly surfaced on the organization's site.	Joseph's DreamCoat

2. Domestic-Focused Grants

These resources are limited to, or primarily designed for, domestic adoption.

Organization	Adoption types	Award / aid	Important details	Website
A Chosen Life Adoption Grant	Domestic infant	Varies	Christian married couple (man and woman), living in the U.S.; seeking infant adoption; working with a licensed child-placing agency or attorney. Their site currently states applications are closed.	A Chosen Life Adoption Grant
The Buescher Foundation	Domestic	Varies	Completed home study required; must be approved by an agency or facilitator. No income requirement. Board selects recipients quarterly (March, June, September, December). Funds are paid directly to the service provider.	The Buescher Foundation
Forever Family Adoption Fund	Primarily domestic infant	Minimum \$2,000; varies	Applications accepted anytime. Requires tax return, completed home study if applicable, and signed good-faith statement. Grants are awarded as funding becomes available and paid directly toward agency/legal adoption expenses.	Forever Family Adoption Fund
Leap of FaithE Foundation Fund	Open domestic adoption	Often about \$7,000-\$9,000 total support per adoption triad	Distinctive program supporting both adoptive parents and birth parents. Application is completed collaboratively; a large share of funding may support post-delivery mental-health care for birth parents, with the remainder helping adoptive-family costs.	Leap of FaithE Foundation Fund
LC3 Father's Fund	Domestic + international	\$1,500 (per your resource)	Local church grant. Your resource lists rolling decisions and requires applicants to attend the church and meet with a pastor. Because a public grant page was not located, confirm current requirements directly with LC3 leadership.	LC3 Father's Fund

3. Special-Focus & Family-Building Grants

These are especially useful when the adoption has a specific child, medical, or infertility-related focus.

Organization	Adoption types	Award / aid	Important details	Website
Angels in Disguise - Barbara L. Curtis Memorial Adoption Fund	Domestic + international; child with Down syndrome	Up to \$2,500 domestic / \$5,000 international	Specifically supports adoption of a child diagnosed with Down syndrome. Grants may help with legal, travel, and other adoption-related costs.	Angels in Disguise - Barbara L. Curtis Memorial Adoption Fund
Journey to Parenthood	Adoption + fertility treatment + surrogacy	Up to \$10,000 (historical/current resource listings)	Broader family-building grant rather than adoption-only. Intended for people facing infertility and significant financial obstacles; can include adoption as an eligible path. Eligibility and current application cycle should be checked carefully.	Journey to Parenthood

4. Fundraising, Matching & Loan Resources

These are not all traditional grants, but they can fill a substantial funding gap and are worth pairing with grant applications.

Organization	Adoption types	Award / aid	Important details	Website
AdoptTogether	Domestic + international	Crowdfunding platform (not a traditional grant)	Nonprofit adoption crowdfunding platform operated by Hoping Hearts Foundation. Families create a profile and raise tax-deductible support toward adoption expenses. More than 5,000 families have used the platform.	AdoptTogether
Both Hands	Domestic + international; also post-adoption projects	Fundraising; avg. project about \$23,000; 2026 matching grant up to \$3,000	Christian families organize a service day for a widow while their team raises sponsorships. Both Hands states 100% of project donations go toward the adoption; 2026 projects may qualify for a \$3,000 match if requirements are met.	Both Hands
ABBA Fund	Domestic + international	Interest-free loans + family adoption fundraising funds	Christian families. Best known for interest-free loans (often averaging about \$6,000-\$8,000) and charitable family adoption funds used for fundraising. This is financial assistance, not primarily a direct competitive grant.	ABBA Fund

Quick Priority Guide

Best broad, non-faith-restricted starting points: A Child Waits, Gift of Adoption, Helpusadopt.org, National Adoption Foundation, Adoption Hope Foundation.

Strong Christian / faith-based options: Show Hope, Omnah Foundation, Pure Gift of God, Katelyn's Fund, Ephesians 3:20, Lifesong, Forever Home, ABBA Fund.

Domestic adoption priorities: Buescher Foundation, Forever Family Adoption Fund, A Chosen Life (when open), Leap of FaithE, plus the broad programs above.

Special-needs / Down syndrome: Angels in Disguise is the most specifically targeted resource in this list.

If grants will not cover the full gap: Combine applications with AdoptTogether, Both Hands, Lifesong fundraising support, or ABBA Fund assistance.

Important Notes

- Grant amounts shown are maximums or typical ranges where available; awards are never guaranteed.
- Many organizations require a completed home study, and several require that the child has not yet been placed in the home.
- Faith-based programs may require a statement of faith, pastor reference, church involvement, or a particular family structure.
- Some older programs in the original Funding Hub (especially One Chance Foundation, Joseph's DreamCoat, JSC Foundation, and Heart of the Bride) have limited or unclear current application information. They are retained here because they appear in your source list, but should be verified before being promoted as currently open.
- This directory is informational and is not an endorsement of any organization. Families should verify nonprofit status, eligibility, deadlines, fees, and payment procedures directly with the funder.

Quick Tips for Adoption Grant Applications

A few practical ways to make the application process more efficient and protect your funding options.

Save Your Best Essay Responses

Many grant applications ask similar questions. Keep your strongest responses in one place so you can tailor them instead of starting from scratch each time.

Apply as Soon as You're Eligible

Start applying immediately after your home study is approved. Some foundations can take up to six months to make award decisions.

Plan for Upfront Costs

Grants often reimburse eligible expenses after they've already been paid, while agencies may require significant payments at matching or before travel. Have a plan for accessing funds in the meantime, and if you must use a high-interest loan or line of credit, explain that financial burden in your applications.

Don't Wait Until Placement

Most adoption grants must be awarded before your child is in your custody. Apply early and plan ahead for post-placement expenses, when funding options become much more limited. By His Hand Foundation offers post-adoption grants, with additional exceptions sometimes available for medical needs or foster care.