



Financial Resources

Please note, inclusion in this list is not an endorsement by ACI. Families should review grant requirements carefully and confirm application deadlines.

Grant Organization:	Type of Adoption(s):	Application Deadline:	Notes:
A Child Waits Foundation (Grants, Loans)	International Domestic	Rolling	Income limit of \$150,000 Grant amounts will usually not exceed \$10,000. Open to anyone, regardless of race, age, ethnicity, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
Adopt Together (Crowdfunding platform and grants)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Rolling	Applications are reviewed by the Board monthly.
Cade Foundation's Family Building Grant (Grants)	<i>Domestic Only</i>	February and September	Must have medical diagnosis of infertility. Grant awards of \$10,000.
Chicago Coalition for Family Building (Grants)	International Domestic Embryo	See website	Life Foundation awards grants for eligible costs towards building a family, including adoption. Maximum award is \$10,000. Annual household income must be less than \$200,000
CMomA Gifting Program (Grants)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Rolling	The CMomA Gifting Program Objective is to give up to ten \$5,000 CMomA Grants per year to eligible new parents adopting older children in need (age 2-17) or special needs children of all ages, both domestically and internationally.
Dream4Adoption (Grants)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Dream4Adoption currently runs two cycles per year.	\$1,500 grants paid to agency. \$500 paid to family after placement. Application cycles: July-November and January 1-May 31
Gift of Adoption (Grants)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs Relative	Rolling	Grants of up to \$15,000 are available to help you complete your relative, domestic, or international adoption. Gift of Adoption is the largest provider of adoption assistance grants without regard to marital status, race, sexual orientation, religion, or age.

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Help Us Adopt (Grants)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Grants are awarded 4 times per year. Application deadlines can be found on website	Must demonstrate financial obstacles and the need for financial assistance. Open to couples/individuals (regardless of ethnicity, gender, marital status, race, religion, or sexual orientation) with the cost of their adoptions by awarding grants up to \$20,000.
Milkglass Candle Co. (Grants and fundraising)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Applications will be accepted August 1st - September 20th	Milkglass Candle Co. is owned and operated by adoptive parents. A portion of their profits will be gifted to one grant applicant annually. Additionally, they have a fundraising program , where 20% of sales will go towards your adoption.
National Adoption Foundation (Grants and Loans)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	The Foundation's board meets four times a year, during the last week of each quarter, to award adoption grants	Grants range from \$500 - \$2,000 depending on the needs of the family and circumstances.
Pathways for Little Feet (Loans)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Rolling	Interest-free loans provided up to \$10,000
Reece's Rainbow (Grants, Family Sponsorship)	<i>International-Special Needs Adoptions Only</i>	Rolling	Grants and family sponsorships for families adopting children with special needs internationally (only).
Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund (Grants)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Completed applications are reviewed by the Executive Committee on a quarterly basis.	Applicants are required to demonstrate their financial need based on income and assets. The grants range in size from \$2,000 to \$5,000 depending on the individual circumstances of the grantee.
RELIGIOUS/FAITH BASED			
'Show Hope/ Tim Tebow Foundation (Grants)	International-Special Needs Adoptions Only	Deadlines: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31	Must be Christian to apply Grants are awarded between \$3,000 – \$8,000. Please see website for list of requirements

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Abba Fund (Interest-free loans and fundraising platform)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Rolling	Interest-free loans.
Both Hands Fundraising model based on sponsorships	International Domestic	Rolling	Christian families only. Home Study must be completed.
Ephesians 3:20 Foundation (Grants)	International Domestic Special Needs	September only	Agency will only consider Christian, heterosexual, two parent families. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$5,000.
Katelyn's Fund (Grants)	International Domestic Special Needs	Application must be received and the interview must be conducted before travel is complete for international adoptions; 45 days within placement for domestic adoptions	Agency will only consider Christian, heterosexual, two parent families only. Grants may be up to \$3,000 contingent on available resources. Subsequent grants (up to three total grants maximum) will be given as able.

Additional Resources:

[Creating a Family's Adoption Tax Credit Course](#)

[Understanding the Adoption Tax Credit: Adoption Advocate Publication](#)

[Illinois Adoption Tax Credit](#)

[Information on Employee Adoption Benefits Programs](#)