



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 are typically \$1,000-\$7,500. Open to anyone, regardless of race, age, ethnicity, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
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 <i>Extensive requirements. See website for details.</i>
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.
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. Awards are approximately \$1,000.
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.
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 (Grants)	Domestic and International (Hague countries 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
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.

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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.
Pathways for Little Feet (Loans)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Rolling	Interest-free loans provided up to \$10,000
MISCELLANEOUS			
Adopt Together (501c3 organization that hosts a crowdfunding platform. Grant opportunities available)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Rolling	Applications are reviewed by the Board monthly.
Abba Fund (Interest-free loans and fundraising platform)	International Domestic Foster Care Special Needs	Rolling	Interest-free loans.
Illinois First Steps	College Savings Program	N/A	College savings starter program that provides a one-time \$50 seed deposit into the 529 college savings account of children born or adopted to Illinois residents.

Additional Resources:

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

[NACAC Article: Adoption Tax Credit](#)

[IRS: Understanding the Adoption Tax Credit \(Federal tax credit\)](#)

[Illinois Dept. of Revenue Bulletin \(Illinois tax credit\)](#)

[Information on Employee Adoption Benefits Programs](#)