

ChoiceAdoptions

AFFORDING ADOPTION

The prospect of paying for adoption can be intimidating. Never fear! There are plenty of resources to help make your adoption affordable.

Adoption Tax Credit

This provides a tax credit (an amount that can be deducted directly from the taxes you owe) for expenses incurred in the adoption of a child who is not the child of the taxpayer's spouse. The adoption tax credit is adjusted each year based upon the cost of living allowance. For 2022, this non-refundable credit is **\$14,890**. The full credit will be available to taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$223,410. Those with incomes between \$223,410 but less than \$263,410 will receive a reduced tax credit. If your modified adjusted gross income is \$263,410 or more for the year, you are not eligible for the tax credit. For more information regarding the adoption tax credit, please contact a tax professional or visit <http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html>

Foster Child Adoption

Most children adopted from foster care are eligible for adoption assistance, (also called a subsidy) in an effort to keep adoption expenses low. This typically includes a medical card and a monthly stipend to care for the child.

Special Needs Adoptions

- [Angels In Disguise](#) - For families adopting children with Down's Syndrome.
- [Shepherd's Crook Ministries](#) - Offers Financial assistance to Christian families who are led to adopt any of the children listed on their website.
- [Holt's Special Needs Adoption Fund](#) - Assists family's adoption through Holt Adoption Agency who need additional financial support.
- [Brittany's Hope](#) - Works closely with multiple adoption agencies who share their mission to find a family for every waiting child.

Adoption Loans

Many Credit Unions offer an adoption loan program. Most banks offer home equity loans for adoptions or equity lines of credit with the interest qualifying for a tax deduction. Check with your bank and tax accountant about eligibility for the tax deduction. Some online loan options include:

- [Abba Fund](#) - Provides financial aid to parents who believe God is calling them to grow their families through adoption. Offering interest-free covenant loans.
- [Life Song for Orphans](#) - Offers interest-free loans to help families overcome the high cost of adoption. As the loans are repaid, new family needs are met...creating a self-perpetuating fund.
- [Adoption Network Law Center](#) - Offers credit-based loans featuring 24-84 month terms. Call: 1-800-FOR-ADOPT
- [America's Christian Credit Union](#) - Offers financial solutions and ministries to empower individuals to reach their financial goals while expanding God's Kingdom.
- [National Adoption Foundation Grant](#) - The NAF offers unsecured loans through a revolving \$9 million loan bank for adoptive parents.

Adoption Grants

This process usually includes an application. Some may need an approved home study. It's not a loan, and you won't need to repay anything!

- [Adopt Together](#) - A non-profit crowdfunding platform.
- [Every Child Has A Dream](#)- Grants for two-parent families with no history of divorce.
- [Gift of Adoption Fund](#) - Preference given to those facing extraordinary financial hardship. Amounts range from \$2,000 - \$5,000, and are awarded monthly.
- [Parents for ME](#) - Grants for those pursuing parenthood via adoption or medical intervention.
- [Open Arms Adoption](#) - Grant applications are accepted from all applicants- regardless of country, marital status, or other considerations. Awarded biannually.
- [Show Hope: Shaohannah's Hope](#) - Grants to Christian families.
- [Lifesong for Orphans](#) Matching grants range from \$2,000 - \$4,000, and encourage the adopting couple's church family to financially and prayerfully support the adoption.
- [Help US Adopt](#) - Grants for any US citizen pursuing any kind of adoption.
- [National Adoption Foundation Grant](#) - Awarded without exclusion to race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, family characteristics, or income.
- [God's Grace Adoption Ministry](#) - Financial assistance awarded to married couples earning less than \$60,000 a year.
- [The Cmoma Grant Program](#) – Up to \$5,000 per year to eligible to single moms or couples with no children adopting older children in need (age 2-17) or special needs children of all ages.

Other Options

[Life Insurance](#): Many families borrow from a 401k or Life Insurance Policy to cover the cost of adoption.

[Employee Benefit Program](#) - An adoption benefits plan is a company-sponsored program that financially assists or reimburses employees for expenses related to the adoption of a child and/or provides for paid or unpaid leave for the adoptive parent

employee. Financial assistance may be reimbursed for specific costs or a set of money, regardless of actual expenses.

[The Adoption Guide](#) - Has information about where to look for help, what subsidies are available, and where loans and grants may be found.

[Military Benefits](#) - The US Department of Defense has an adoption reimbursement program for qualified military families. These reimbursements can cover medical expenses and other fees related to adopting a child under 18 years of age, but they do not cover travel.