

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 2020, this non-refundable credit is **\$14,300**. The full credit will be available to taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income below \$211,160. Those with incomes from \$211,160 to \$251,160 can claim partial credit, and those with incomes above \$251,160 cannot claim the 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.

- [Adoption Financing](#) - Finds the best ways to finance adoption by networking with numerous lenders.
- Adoption Network Law Center- Adoption Network offers credit-based loans featuring 24-84 month terms. Call 1-800-FOR-ADOPT
- [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.
- [Oxford Adoption Foundation](#) - Provides low interest loans to eligible families to reach their goal of increasing the number of children who are adopted.
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- [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](#)- The NAF offers unsecured loans through a revolving \$9 million loan bank for adoptive parents.
- [TMG Foundation](#)- They help remove the financial burden of adoption by offering matching grants which encourage the adopting couple's church family to financially and prayerfully support the adoption. They also offer interest-free loans to eligible families.

Adoption Grants

This process usually includes an application. 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.
- Boatner Family Foundation - Requires agency approval, a financial statement, and formal application. Grants from \$1,000 - \$10,000. Inquiries to P.O. Box 132272, The Woodlands, TX 77393
- [Families Outreach, Inc.](#) - Grants for Christian adoptive families.
- [Show Hope: Shaohannah's Hope](#) - Grants to Christian families.
- [Life Song 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.

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.

[Cradle of Hope](#) - Excellent and comprehensive list on financing an adoption.