



The Chosen Project Adoption Grant and Qualifications

The Chosen Project is Journey Church's adoption grant fund which awards grants to help Journey Church and other J1:27 Church Partner families cover costs associated with adoption. Qualified applicants could be awarded up to \$3,000 of grant funds for international or private domestic adoption, or a stipend up to \$500 (in the form of a gift card) for adoption through DSS. Applications will be de-identified prior to processing by the selection committee, and information provided will remain confidential. The current deadline to apply is **June 30th, 2017**.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be current partners/members of Journey Church, or one of the J1:27 Ministry partner churches (The Church at Cane Bay, Freedom Church, or Hope Church).
Note: Journey Church partners will be prioritized during the selection process.
- Applicants must have a completed, signed homestudy to submit with this application, or in the case of DSS adoption, submit documentation indicating they are "homestudy approved".
- If adopting via a private agency, the agency must be classified as non-profit.
- Applicants must be actively engaged within their home church, including involvement in biblical community, and must complete a statement of faith/testimony demonstrating their personal relationship with the Lord.
- Applicants should demonstrate financial preparedness to care for a child, but also have financial need associated with expenses related to the adoption process.
- In the case of international and private domestic adoption, awarded funds will not exceed remaining adoption expenses.
- Applicants must uphold terms of the consent form (see application)
- Applicants must complete and submit the application in its entirety, including supplemental documents, to be processed (see application checklist).

The application must be printed and signed, and submitted to the Journey Church office on or before June 30th, 2017 in order to be processed.

Mailing Address:
Journey Church
c/o The Chosen Project
PO BOX 3392
Summerville, SC 29484

Physical Address:
Journey Church Office
c/o The Chosen Project
262 Treeland Drive
Ladson, SC 29456

**The Chosen Project
Adoption Grant Application**

Husband's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Wife's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Number(s): _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Secondary Email Address: _____

Date of Marriage: _____ Any prior divorce? Date: _____

Husband's Employer: _____ Length of employment: _____

Wife's Employer: _____ Length of employment: _____

1. Names and ages of all biological children in family: _____

2. Have you adopted previously?
If yes, names/ages: _____

3. Are you adopting domestically via DSS? (Circle 1) YES NO
If yes, caseworker/phone number: _____

4. Adoption Agency (non-DSS): _____
Case Worker(s): _____
Phone Number(s): _____

5. Have you completed your "home study"? (Circle 1) YES NO

6. Have you completed your dossier? (if international adoption) (Circle 1) YES NO

7. Do you plan on adopting an older/special needs child? _____

8. Do you have a specific child identified already for this adoption? (Circle 1) YES NO
If yes, Full Name, Age, Gender, Country: _____

9. Anticipated date of placement (if applicable): _____

10. Do you profess Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? _____

11. We are active partners/members at the following church: _____

12. Bible Study/Missional Community/Community Group leader(s): _____

14. In the event that you do not receive grant funds from any source, how do you plan to fund your adoption? _____

ADOPTION COSTS

**If adopting through DSS, please disregard this page of the application.*

Applicable Expenses

Agency Fees	\$ _____
Child's Medical Exam	\$ _____
Foreign Program Fee	\$ _____
Home Study	\$ _____
In-Country Fees	\$ _____
INS Fees (international adoptions only)	\$ _____
Notarization/Authentication	\$ _____
Orphanage Fees	\$ _____
Overseas Fees	\$ _____
Translation Fees	\$ _____
Travel First Trip	\$ _____
Travel Second Trip (if required)	\$ _____
Visas	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Total Cost	\$ _____

Available Resources to Cover Adoption Costs

Personal Funds (savings, etc.)	\$ _____
Employer Benefit (if available)	\$ _____
Other Grants/Loans Received:	
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
Other source of funds (please specify)	\$ _____
Total Estimated Resources	\$ _____

Deficit \$ _____
(Total Resources-Total Cost)

Additional Grants/Loans Applied For:

Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____
Name _____	\$ _____

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STATEMENT OF NET WORTH

Assets

Cash	\$ _____
Checking Accounts	\$ _____
Savings Accounts	\$ _____
Investment Accounts (other than retirement)	\$ _____
Life Insurance Cash Surrender Value	\$ _____
Retirement Accounts	\$ _____
Value of Autos	\$ _____
Value of Home (if owned)	\$ _____
Approximate Value of Household Items	\$ _____
Personal Business Assets	\$ _____
Value of other items you own not listed above (write description)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total Assets	\$ _____

Liabilities

Outstanding Credit Card Balances	\$ _____
Balances of Past Due Bills (nor credit cards)	\$ _____
Auto Loan Balances	\$ _____
Home Mortgage Balance	\$ _____
Any Other Amounts Owed (write description)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total Liabilities	\$ _____
Net Worth	\$ _____
(Assets - Liabilities)	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/CONSIDERATIONS

Please specify any special financial considerations or circumstances the selection committee should be aware of: _____

CASH FLOW (Both monthly and annual columns of cash flow must be completed.)

	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Annual</i>
<u>Income</u>		
Gross Salary/Wage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Investment Income	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Income (write description)		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Income	\$ _____	\$ _____
 <u>Expenses/Payments</u>		
Taxes and other deductions	\$ _____	\$ _____
Housing Costs:		
Mortgage/Rent	\$ _____	\$ _____
Property Taxes	\$ _____	\$ _____
Insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Utilities	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Housing Costs	\$ _____	\$ _____
Telephone/Cell Phone	\$ _____	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	\$ _____
Transportation Expenses:		
Car Payment	\$ _____	\$ _____
Car Insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gas/Maintenance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Transportation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Entertainment/Recreation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Medical Expenses (include health insurance)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Church Giving	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Charitable Donations	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Debt repayment (write description)		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Expenses/Payments	\$ _____	\$ _____
Cash Flow	\$ _____	\$ _____

(Cash Flow = Total Income - Total Expenses/Payments)

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

Please attach another sheet if more space is needed to answer questions.

1. Who is God? _____

2. Who is Jesus Christ? _____

3. Who is the Holy Spirit? _____

4. How do you use God's Word (the Bible) in your life? _____

5. Describe your daily walk with God. _____

6. What is eternal salvation? How do you become saved? _____

7. Share each of your salvation testimonies. (Please use separate sheets of paper.)

ADOPTION TESTIMONY

How has God lead your family to adopt? (Please use a separate sheet of paper)

CONSENT FORM

1. Purpose

The undersigned agrees that this application is being made for the purpose of obtaining assistance with international/domestic adoption. The undersigned further acknowledges that the willingness to accept an application is not any type of acknowledgement or representation on behalf of Journey Church or The Chosen Project that assistance will be granted or given.

2. Authorization and Release

The undersigned hereby authorizes any officer, agent, representative of The Chosen Project to obtain financial and personal information from any institution or individuals including but not limited to those individuals and institutions listed as references and made a part of this application. The undersigned further consents to the release of any information to any authorized representative of The Chosen Project or agent from any individual or financial institution listed on the attached list of references. The undersigned further authorizes any friend, pastor, elder, minister or counselor included in the list of references to release to The Chosen Project or its representatives personal information and opinions regarding the applicant's lifestyle, language, habits, truthfulness, parental fitness, and general moral and biblical character.

3. Limit of Liability

The undersigned acknowledges that Journey Church and The Chosen Project have made no representation or warranty that financial aid or assistance will be furnished to the undersigned; and further acknowledges that The Chosen Project shall have the sole discretion to accept or deny this application with or without cause. The undersigned further releases and holds Journey Church and The Chosen Project harmless from any liability of any type or nature as a result of allowing the undersigned to submit this application.

4. Support Raising Agreement

The undersigned parties acknowledge they are freely agreeing to the following terms and conditions as a requirement to participate in the adoption grant process for The Chosen Project (TCP):

- a. We commit to effortful fundraising of adoption related expenses until our adoption is fully funded. This may include, but is not limited to, fundraising events, applying for additional grants, and reaching out to friends and family for support.
- b. We understand we may not donate money to TCP towards our own adoption expenses and receive a tax deduction.
- c. Donations cannot be returned to donors.

- d. We understand and accept that all funds and/or donations received by TCP are under the ultimate control of the TCP Director and Selection Committee Members that make all final decisions regarding distribution of grant funds.
- e. We understand that if we decide not to adopt, or our adoption is disrupted for any reason we will contact TCP immediately. Any funds that have not been disbursed by TCP for adoption related costs will be used to further the ministry of TCP and assist other families with the cost of adoption.
- f. We agree to submit proper documentation as requested by TCP for payment and/or reimbursements of any kind.
- g. We understand, accept and agree to use any and all funds received by TCP exclusively for legitimate adoption expenses, including but not limited to agency fees, legal fees, etc (exception: DSS adoption in which any expenses will occur post-placement).

5. Attachments

- 1. **Tax Return** – Please include a copy of your most recent year’s Federal Tax Return (1040 form only)
- 2. **Copy of Homestudy** – Please include a copy of your completed homestudy. (or documentation of “homestudy approved” status)
- 3. **Reference Letters** – Include two written personal references: one from a pastor at your church, and a second from a non-family couple with whom you are well acquainted, indicating support of your preparedness for adoption.

Note: Application processing time frame: ~6 weeks

There are a limited number of funds available for distribution as grants. Each application is prayerfully and carefully considered by the selection committee.

7. Signatures

We are providing this information to The Chosen Project for their internal and confidential use. All information contained in this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Adoptive Father _____ Date _____

Adoptive Mother _____ Date _____

***Application must be printed and signed in order to be processed.
Current Deadline: June 30th 2017***



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To help us process your application in a more timely manner, please use this as a checklist to ensure you've included all the necessary items. Everything on this checklist must be received before your application can be processed. Thank you!

- ___ The Chosen Project Grant Application
- ___ Adoption Costs *(with exception of families adopting through DSS)*
- ___ Statement of Net Worth
- ___ Cash Flow
- ___ Statement of Faith
- ___ Husband Salvation Testimony
- ___ Wife Salvation Testimony
- ___ Adoption Testimony
- ___ 2 Reference Letters *(1 from pastor, 1 from non-family couple)*
- ___ Signed Consent Form
- ___ Complete Copy of the Signed Home Study *(supporting documentation for DSS adoptions)*
- ___ Last Year's Tax Return *(1040 Form, first 2 pages only)*

Information Not Included _____
Explanation _____

If all information is not submitted, it will likely delay your file being processed.

*Please attach this checklist to the front of your application.

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