



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Office of Natural Family Planning

Application for Adoption Grant Assistance

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

1. Please submit your reason for request for funds (approx. 500 words). Please attach to application.
2. Please provide an invoice or receipt of payment to the adoption agency.
3. Please provide an attached copy of your anticipated or paid expenses, such as travel, citizenship fees, etc.
4. Please provide documentation of the agency's charitable status as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please attach this to the application.
5. Please attach documentation of your home study.
6. Has your child been placed with you? Yes _____ No _____
7. (a) Are you a practicing Roman Catholic? Yes _____ No _____
(b) Are you a Christian active in your faith? Yes _____ No _____
8. Have you or do you anticipate receiving other financial assistance for the adoption? Yes _____ No _____
9. Do you anticipate applying for a tax credit? Yes _____ No _____
10. If answered yes to questions 8 and/or 9, please attach anticipated or applied for assistance information and amounts.

Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Thank you for your application.



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St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning Policy and Process for Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Grant Awards

Policy

- Eligible candidates include those who have adopted ideally within the past year of the application deadline and those pursuing adoption.
- Adoptions must be in process through a 501 (c)(3) agency licensed to place children with provision of a receipt and documentation of status of the agency. Assistance is not available for independent adoptions (this includes adoptions through lawyers, facilitators or humanitarian organizations not licensed to place children).
- An applicant may apply one time for each adopted child.
- The grants will only be awarded for bills incurred. However, anticipated expenses will be considered.
- An applicant may apply one time for each adopted child.
- The candidate must have a satisfactory home study with documentation provided.
- Grants for reimbursable expenses include but are not limited to home study, post placement visit, citizenship fees, application fees, etc.
- The actual grant will be awarded to the recipients in person at the Office of Natural Family Planning with discussion about available approaches for infertility and women's health care that are Church approved.
- The awards may be distributed among several applicants.
- The amount and number of grants awarded will be dependent on the number of requests and the amount of revenue in the fund.
- Preference may be given to couples who experience infertility.
- Preference will be given to Christians active in their own faith tradition, with a preference to practicing Catholics.
- Priority for funding will be given to applicants from within the Archdiocese of St. Louis. After funding commensurate with previous years' grants has been awarded, grants of lesser amounts to those applying from outside of the Archdiocese of St. Louis may be considered.
- If the funds in the account allow, the outbound grants will target an increase of 5% from the previous year. However, this is just a guideline, and may be adjusted up or down as determined by the board and as the available funds and the number of applicants fluctuates. Recipients from outside of the diocese may then be considered, with grant amounts determined by the amount of funds available and the need for reserves determined by the board.



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Process

- Applications are due by November 1st of each year and grants are awarded after the annual fundraising event(s), ideally with notification in late December or early January.
- Completed applications include:
 - Application form
 - Proof of home study
 - Proof of pursuit of adoption through 501(c)(3) agency
 - List of expenses paid and anticipated with any supporting receipts and information on other sources of funding.
 - Letter of request from family giving context to their adoption journey. (Please feel free to include any information which gives light to financial or personal complexity of the journey so the committee may best understand the family's needs).

Questions and submission:

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