



ADOPTION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

MATCHING GRANTS • INTEREST-FREE LOANS • FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

A FEW QUICK CONSIDERATIONS

1. You may submit this application after your home study is complete.
2. This application is for domestic and international adoptions.
3. Applications from all qualifying U.S. citizens will be reviewed.
4. Lifesong for Orphans must receive the completed application before the placement of a child in your home. This allows Lifesong to comply with IRS guidelines and ECFA best practice.
5. You may only submit one application for assistance per adoption to Lifesong or any of Lifesong's adoption fund partners

PLEASE MAIL THE APPLICATION TO:

Lifesong for Orphans
Attn: Adoption Assistance
PO Box 40
Gridley, IL 61744

*For Colorado families, please contact your home study agency directly to request and grant permission for the agency to send your home study to Lifesong directly.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Husband's Full Name _____ Age _____

Wife's Full Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address (US only) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Husband's Phone # _____ Wife's Phone # _____

Husband's Email Address _____ Wife's Email Address _____

Who is the primary contact? Husband Wife

Family Blog Info _____

Date of Marriage _____ Any prior divorce? _____ Date _____

Husband's Employer _____ Length of employment _____

Wife's Employer _____ Length of employment _____

1. Date of Birth of Husband _____ / _____ / _____

2. Date of Birth of Wife _____ / _____ / _____

3. Names and ages of biological children in family:

4. Have you adopted previously? Yes No If yes, names/ages _____

5. Have you completed your dossier? (if international) Yes No

6. Do you have a specific child identified already for this adoption? Yes No

If yes, Full Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Country _____

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

8. Church Name and Denomination _____ Member? Yes No

9. Church Activities _____

10. Is your church interested in establishing an adoption fund through Lifesong for Orphans?

Yes No Who may Lifesong contact? _____

Phone _____ Email _____

11. Are you interested in receiving information to advocate for a church fund that would potentially benefit future adoptive families? Yes No

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

13. May Lifesong contact your pastor? Yes No

Pastor's Name _____ Church Ph _____ Cell _____

14. Specify any special financial considerations or circumstances Lifesong should be aware of:

ADOPTION COSTS

Applicable Expenses

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

Total Adoption 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 _____	\$ _____

STATEMENT OF NET WORTH

Assets

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

Liabilities

Outstanding Credit Card Balances	\$ _____
Balances of Past Due Bills (excluding credit cards)	\$ _____
Auto Loan Balances	\$ _____
Home Mortgage Balance	\$ _____
Any Other Amounts Owed (write description)	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total Liabilities	\$ _____

Net Worth

(Assets - Liabilities)

\$ _____

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

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

ADOPTION TESTIMONY

How has God led you to adopt? *(Please use a separate sheet of paper.)*

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 your salvation testimonies. *(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 or domestic adoptions. The undersigned further acknowledges that the willingness to accept an application is not any type of acknowledgement or representation on behalf of *Lifesong* that assistance will be granted or given.

2. Authorization and Release

The undersigned hereby authorizes any officer, employee, agent, representative or staff member of *Lifesong* 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 *Lifesong* employee or agent from any individual or financial institution listed on the attached list of references. The undersigned further authorizes any pastor, elder, minister or counselor included in the list of references to release to *Lifesong* or its representatives personal information and opinions regarding the applicant's lifestyle, language, habits, truthfulness, parental fitness, and general moral and biblical character.

Adoption Agency _____ Case Worker _____ Phone _____

3. Limit of Liability

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

4. Permission

The undersigned gives *Lifesong* permission to use their story and/or photographs on *Lifesong's* website, and/or printed material, with the purpose of helping families to adopt children.

(Your answer does not have an effect on financial assistance.) Yes No

5. 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/loan process for *Lifesong (LS)*:

1. If participating in a matching grant, we commit to reaching out to friends and family for support.
2. We understand we may not donate money to *LS* towards our own account.
3. Donations cannot be returned to donors.
4. We understand and accept that all funds and/or donations received by *LS* are under the ultimate control of the *LS* Board of Directors that make all final decisions regarding distributing and/or grants and loans of any funds.
5. We understand any funds raised (including matching grant amount, if applicable) beyond our documented adoption costs may be used to further the ministry of *LS* and assist with other families' cost of adoption.
6. We understand that if we decide not to adopt or our adoption is disrupted for any reason we will contact *LS* immediately. Any funds that have not been disbursed for adoption related costs will be used to further the ministry of *LS* and assist other families with the cost of adoption.
7. We agree to submit proper documentation as requested by *LS* for payment and/or reimbursements of any kind.
8. We understand, accept and agree to use any and all funds received by *LS* exclusively for legitimate adoption expenses, including but not limited to agency fees, legal fees, etc.

CONSENT FORM *(continued)*

6. Attachments

1. **Picture** – If you have a picture of the child you desire to adopt, and are willing to share with Lifesong, please send in a photo along with your application. Please also include a photo of your current family.
2. **Tax Return** – Please include a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your most current year’s Federal Tax Return (1040 form)
3. **Copy of Home Study** – Please send Lifesong a copy of your completed home study
4. **Letter from Pastor** – A written reference from your pastor on church letterhead indicating his support of your adoption.

7. Request Type *(Mark all that apply)*

- Fund Raising Support** – Lifesong provides you with an adoption fundraising kit. The resulting process allows friends and family who wish to support your adoption to receive tax-deductions for their donations on behalf of your adoption. *Tools available include: letter-writing kit, online fundraising through mySTORY, and Gobena Coffee fundraising.*
- Matching Grant** – Lifesong provides you with a matching grant and a fundraising kit. The grant acts as a catalyst to the process which allows friends who wish to support your adoption to receive tax-deductible receipts for their donations.
- Lifesong & Both Hands** – This provides an innovative method to help remove the financial barrier to your adoption and to help benefit a widow’s home. As the family, you would ask volunteers to work on a widow’s home for one day and send out sponsorship letters to sponsor them to work on the home. All of the money raised would be given as a donation to your family fund.
- Interest-Free Loan** – Interest-free loans help couples overcome the initial cash flow crunch of adoption expenses. Repayments can be due annually to coincide with adoption tax credits. Typical loans range from \$3,000 - up to \$5,000.

Note: Application processing time frame: 4-6 weeks

There are a limited number of funds that can be given as Matching Grants or Interest Free Loans. Each application is prayerfully considered. For more information, visit our website at www.lifesongfororphans.org or call 309-747-4527.

8. Signatures

We are providing this information to *Lifesong* 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.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To help Lifesong process your application in a more timely manner, please use this as a checklist to ensure you have included all the necessary items.

Everything on this checklist must be received before your application can be processed. Thank you!

Included	Not included	Information	Explanation
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Lifesong Adoption Assistance Application	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Adoption Costs	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Statement of Net Worth	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Cash Flow (<i>monthly & annual</i>)	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Statement of Faith	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Husband Salvation Testimony	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Wife Salvation Testimony	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Adoption Testimony	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Pastor Referral Letter	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Picture of Your Family	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Picture of Child (<i>if available</i>)	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Signed Consent Form & Request Type	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Complete Copy of the Signed Home Study	_____ _____
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Last Year's Tax Return (<i>1040 Form <u>first 2 pages only</u></i>)	_____ _____

* Please attach this to the front of your application.
If all information is not submitted, it **will** delay your file being processed. Thank you.