



## Before you Apply

- Your home study or home study update must be completed in order to apply
- You must be in process using a placement agency (this is not referring to your home study agency) that is a 501(c)3 agency licensed to place children (this cannot be an adoption consultant who is not acting as your placement agency)
- Applications cannot be submitted for independent adoptions (through lawyers, facilitators, or humanitarian organizations not licensed to place children) or for embryo adoptions
- If this is a domestic adoption we highly recommend at least 12 hours of training such as <https://adoptiontrainingonline.com/courses/bonding-and-attachment-issues-in-domestically-adopted-children/> <http://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org>
- Preference will be given to families adopting a waiting or medically needy child.

Selection of the recipients will be based on a combination of age/medical condition of the child, cost of the adoption, the families' financial situation and availability of funds at Loving ARM's.

- Grant monies will be disbursed only for qualified adoption expenses and will be paid directly to the service provider (adoption agency, travel agent, etc.). Grant funds will not be paid to the adoptive family.
- All grant monies will be disbursed toward the end of the adoption process just before the family is due to travel.
- Grant amounts are based on several factors, but will not exceed \$10,000.
- Requests for assistance may outweigh resources, and we regret that Loving ARM's may not be able to provide assistance to every qualified family.