



Dear Applicant,

Angels in Disguise was founded by Mike and Penny Michalak in 2008 after the birth of their daughter Elena Rose. Elena was born with Down syndrome and after a very difficult first year, including heart surgery, they decided to celebrate! It began with a classical concert, held in honor of and in gratitude for Elena's first birthday. It has since grown into a cause, promoting Down syndrome awareness and celebrating the gifts of these incredible individuals. They have the unique ability to touch our souls and warm our hearts, one smile at a time, making the typical world around us a much better place.

In 2014, Angels in Disguise began the Barbara L. Curtis Memorial Adoption Fund to help families welcome angels into their forever homes. International adoptions may receive up to \$5,000 in assistance and domestic adoptions may receive up to \$2500. Fund amounts are based on need. For assistance, a completed application and supporting documentation are required.

We encourage families to apply once they have completed their home study, You may email the application or mail it to our location. If there are any problems with your application we will contact you directly.

If you send hard copies of photos, please write your family name on the back of each photo. If you send digital photos, please include your last name in the file name.

Grant committee will make final decisions based on a case-by-case basis on the information provided in both the application and supporting materials. Please attach a separate page with any additional information that you would like for us to consider. Please do not include your entire home study.

Grants will be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year as funds or opportunities present themselves. Upon review, the committee may decide to hold onto an application for future opportunities. You may keep us up-to-date as your adoption process unfolds.

Congratulations on welcoming an Angel into your family and joining the celebration!

Submit Application to:

**Angels in Disguise
2400 Envoy Circle, #2406
Louisville, KY 40299**



ADOPTION GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant's Full Name _____ Age _____ Gender : M F

Spouse's Full Name _____ Age _____ Gender: M F

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

Email Address _____

Name and Age of Children (prior to this adoption)

Do any of these children have special needs? Explain:

INFORMATION ON CURRENT ADOPTION:

NAME OF CHILD (CURRENT): _____ NAME YOU WILL GIVE THE CHILD: _____

Current Status of your Adoption Process: _____

Country of Origin: _____ Adoptees Age: _____ Expected Travel/Placement Date: _____

Description of child(ren). Please include gender, relation (if any), special needs, etc.:

AGENCY INFORMATION:

Adoption Agency Name: _____

PLEASE INITIAL: _____

Adoption Agency Address:

Phone Number: _____

Caseworker's Name: _____

Caseworker' Email: _____

EMPLOYMENT:

Applicant's Employer _____ Length of Employment _____

Job Description: _____

Spouse's Employer _____ Length of Employment _____

Job Description: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Combined Gross Income for the Family is \$ _____

Total Estimated Cost for the Adoption: \$ _____

(Please provide a breakdown on a separate sheet if possible.)

Current amount needed to be fully funded: \$ _____

What efforts have you made to raise funds? What amount has been raised?

PERSONAL NARRATIVE:

Please provide at least a brief synopsis of your family, adoption discernment/process and why you qualify for these funds. Please include any experience you have working with children who have special needs, especially Down syndrome.

PLEASE INITIAL: _____

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

We require three letters of recommendation, which can be from your home study.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please provide a current photo of your family, as well as a photo of the child(ren) you are currently adopting. Photographs will not be returned. **Write your last name on the back of each photo or include your last name in the file name for digital submissions.**

May we have permission to use these photographs on our website and social media outlets as well as printed materials for the purposes of promoting adoption of children with special needs as well as Angels in Disguise? yes / no

Please feel free to include any other documents or information that you feel would be helpful to the review committee.

CHECKLIST:

- Completed Application
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Photographs
- Signed Consent Form

PLEASE INITIAL: _____

ANGELS IN DISGUISE ADOPTION GRANT APPLICATION CONSENT FORM**1. PURPOSE**

The undersigned agrees and acknowledges that this application is being made for the purpose of obtaining assistance with an international or domestic adoption of a child diagnosed with Down syndrome. The undersigned further acknowledges that the willingness to accept an application is not acknowledgement of any type from Angels in Disguise that a grant will be awarded.

2. Authorization and Release

The undersigned hereby authorizes any officer, employee, agent, representative or staff member of Angels in Disguise to obtain financial and personal information from any institution or individuals referenced in this application.

3. Limit of Liability

The undersigned acknowledges that Angels in Disguise has made no representation or warranty that financial aid or other services will be furnished to the undersigned; and further acknowledges that Angels in Disguise shall have the sole discretion to accept or deny this application with or without cause. The undersigned further releases and holds Angels in Disguise 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 Angels in Disguise permission to use their story and/or photographs on the Angels in Disguise website and social media outlets, including but not limited to Facebook and Twitter, and/or printed material, with the purpose of helping families to adopt children. (Your answer does not have an impact on financial assistance, however it may preclude you from special opportunities for funds which require photographs.) Yes _____ No _____

5. We understand that families who adopt domestically may be eligible to receive a tax credit for money spent for adoption. Money received as a result of this grant is not taxable and a refund cannot be claimed for any funds used from the grant. In addition, we understand that we may not donate money to Angels in Disguise towards our own adoption expenses and receive a tax deduction.

6. We understand that any money granted will be dispensed directly to the adoption agency and not to the family applying for the grant. If there is no outstanding balance with your

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agency, Angels in Disguise must receive a statement from your agency declaring that your family will be reimbursed the amount of the funds awarded.

7. We understand that if at any time recipient terminates adoption plans, the remaining grant money will be forfeited and will return to Angels in Disguise for future distribution.

8. We understand that grants are only accepted from permanent, legal citizens of the United States of America, residing in the United States of America.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Spouse: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE INITIAL: _____