



Madison Adoption Associates

Brittany's Hope Adoption Grant Program

INFORMATION SHEET

Madison Adoption Associates is an affiliate agency of Brittany's Hope who administers this Adoption Grant Program.

Madison Adoption Associates and Brittany's Hope both believe in the fundamental right of all children to have the security and love of a family. The cost of international adoption can be overwhelming and is only further compounded by the medical costs of caring for a child with special needs.

The Purpose of the Brittany's Hope Adoption Grant Program

The Adoption Grant Program was created to help offset the financial barriers of an international adoption of a child or children with special needs. We ask the grant recipient families to raise funds equal to one-half (1/2) of their total grant amount, to help bring the *next child* home. All funds raised through the grant recipient families' fundraising efforts go toward Brittany's Hope "Adoption Grant Program" and not specifically to one family.

Each grant recipient family is asked to "pay it forward" - just as previous grant recipient families have assisted them in bringing their child(ren) home by acquiring donations and spreading awareness about Brittany's Hope for the *next family*. In this way, Brittany's Hope is able to make their program self-sustaining. 100% of all donations received go toward helping children with special needs. When a grant recipient family chooses to go "above and beyond" what is required of their grant fundraising efforts, those funds will go toward the Adoption Grant Program to continue bringing children home to loving families.

- **This program is for adoptive families who wish to fundraise one-half (1/2) of their total grant amount to help offset their adoption costs. Brittany's Hope will confirm the funds raised equal to one-half (1/2) of the grant awarded and extend the total grant amount.**
- **Madison Adoption Associates is allotted a limited amount of funds to award to adoptive families through the Adoption Grant Program.**
- **Recipient Families must be matched with a waiting child in order to be awarded a Brittany's Hope Adoption Grant.**
- **Madison Adoption Associates can accept Adoption Grant Applications at any time; applications will be held until the Brittany's Hope allotment is received in January and July.**

- **The minimum grant amount that can be awarded is \$3000. The Recipient Family pledges to fundraise a minimum of half (1/2) the awarded amount.**
- **The fundraising goal must be reached prior to finalized adoption travel.**
- **The Adoption Grant must be awarded at least 2 months prior to finalized adoption travel for the Recipient Family.**
- **The Recipient Family pledges to promote Brittany's Hope in their fundraising efforts.**
- **The fundraising goal can be met through fundraising events or by direct donations.**
- **Disbursement of the full grant amount will occur after your family has finalized travel dates to bring your child home. Families should not necessarily rely on these funds to pay travel costs for their adoption. The turn-around time to process the grant and send the grant check to the family could be 2-3 weeks.**

Adoptive families who are matched with a waiting child through Madison Adoption Associates are eligible to participate in the ***Adoption Grant Program***. The Adoption Grant Program was designed to be offered to families who are in the process of an international adoption of a child with special needs, to help reduce the overwhelming adoption and medical expenses associated with an adoption.

Example of the Adoption Grant Program process:

1. Your family applies for and receives a Brittany's Hope Adoption Grant of \$6000.
2. Your family collects donations and benefits from fundraising efforts on behalf of your adoption. Your fundraising goal is \$3000.
3. Brittany's Hope notifies MAA when your family has reached your grant fundraising goal.
4. MAA submits your grant request to Brittany's Hope when your finalized travel dates are confirmed.
5. MAA receives your Adoption Grant check and refunds the full amount of the grant to your family. Your grant check may arrive after you have traveled and will be available for you to pay adoption expenses when you return home with your child!
6. Your family submits a thank you letter to Brittany's Hope, whose directors and staff work very hard to provide families with grants. These letters are shared with supporters.

If you would like to read more about ***Brittany's Hope Adoption Grant Program***, please visit www.BrittanyHope.org You can also speak with your Madison Adoption Associates Caseworker to request MAA's Adoption Grant Application Form.