

Divine Nest Adoption Scholarship Application

Divine Nest is an organization that recognizes all children deserve the chance to be children; to be part of a family; and to live up to their full potential. This is their God-given right. To achieve this, Divine Nest will equip homes and families with resources, emotional support and education to fill this need. *Before beginning the application process, please review Divine Nest's Statement of Faith and complete the additional questions. After signing, please return as part of the application.*

We are honored that you would allow us to be a part of your adoption journey. All applications are welcome, but due to limited funding, we are unable to award grants to all qualified applicants. Funding priority will be given, but not limited to, families with the greatest financial need who have completed the application process with integrity, and establishing that they are equipped to provide a child with a loving home consistent with the founding principles of Divine Nest.

DEADLINES AND GUIDELINES (posted by end of 2019)

There are two application deadlines throughout the year:

February 28th

October 31

Your application is complete after you have successfully submitted your application, all references and documents. Your application date is the day your COMPLETE (including all recommendation e-mails) application is received by to Divine Nest. If a portion of your application or references is not complete, you will be moved to the following deadline. If you no longer want to be considered for this scholarship please notify us via email immediately.

AWARD NOTIFICATIONS

You will receive notification IF YOU ARE AWARDED THE SCHOLARSHIP by a phone call on Friday, April 10th. If you are not awarded the scholarship you will receive a letter in the mail. Processing the application will take a minimum of 30 days after the application deadline. If you are awarded the scholarship, we ask that you agree to one or more public check presentations and agree to the organization using photos of your family and the check presentations within the media and marketing in relation to Divine Nest and Bree's Gift.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

- Your home study or home study update must be completed in order to apply.
- You must be in the process of using an agency that is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization licensed to place children for adoption. Please note that your placement agency may differ from your home study provider.
- If you are working through an adoption consultant, you cannot apply for the scholarship until you have finalized your placement agency. In addition, consulting fees will not be considered as part of the total adoption costs.
- Before beginning the application process, pray intentionally about your adoption.

- Applications cannot be submitted for:
 - Embryo adoptions
 - Adoptions from Non-Hague Convention countries
 - Adoptions for which adoption has already occurred
- Collect and print the following pieces of information to be turned in with your application packet (please black out Social Security numbers):
 - IRS tax information (W2 and 1040 forms or 1099 forms) for last two years
 - Net worth of property, investments, goods and liquid assets
 - Annual budget information for both income and expenses
 - Copy of the projected adoption expenses from your agency
 - Copy of your completed home study
 - Copy of projected adoption expenses from agency or lawyer
 - Family or referral photos: To help Divine Nest become familiar with our recipient families and the children they are adopting; we ask that each family submit a casual photo of their family prior to their adoption and then an additional one once they are home.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Please fill out the application found in this packet. The application is a document that helps us understand the families current dynamic and who you are as a family.
- Your completed application and copies of all required documents need to be printed and mailed to:
 - Divine Nest
C/O NorthRoad Community Church
49 College Campus Drive
Moscow Mills, MO 63362
- Letters of recommendation from your pastor, your adoption agency and one other non-relative must be requested by you. Please notify your pastor, caseworker and non-relative that they will receive an email request with questions and a Statement of Faith for them to confirm that you meet the requirements. Please ask them to return the e-mail with your name in the subject line to info@divinenest.com. It will be your responsibility to ensure the references are completed.
- After the application is submitted and references are received, an initial review will be conducted to ensure the application is complete. If additional information is required, you will be notified by email.
- All applicants will receive a letter from Divine Nest regarding the outcome of their application. Due to funding limitations, we may be unable to fund ALL qualified applicants. If you are awarded a scholarship, you and your agency will receive a copy of your award letter and instructions for disbursement of funds. All funds must be disbursed directly to the agency.
- For international adoptions, the agency may request disbursement of funds within three months of travel to complete the adoption. For domestic adoption, funds may be requested at the time of placement. Funds are mailed approximately 20 business days from receipt of the disbursement request.

APPLICATION

Head of Household

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____

Date of Marriage (if applicable): _____

Date of Divorce (if applicable): _____

US citizen: Y or N

Home address: _____

e-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Position: _____

Work Phone: _____

Please summarize your statement of faith:

Please give your personal testimony:

Spouse

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

US citizen: Y or N

Home address: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Position: _____

Work Phone: _____

Please summarize your statement of faith:

Please give your personal testimony:

Church you Attend: _____

Church Web Address: _____

Church Address: _____

Church Phone: _____

Senior Pastor's Name: _____

Senior Pastor's Phone: _____

Senior Pastor's E-mail: _____

Adoption Agency Name: _____

Adoption Website: _____

Adoption address: _____

Caseworker Name: _____

Caseworker E-mail: _____

Number of Children in the Household: _____

Names/Ages of Biological Children:

Have you previously adopted? Y or N

Names/Ages of Adopted Children

On a separate typed paper, please tell us about your adoption journey in 1000 words or less.

Statement of Faith

We are professing Christians and agree with the following Statement of Faith:

- We believe in the triune God of the Bible. He is one God Who is revealed in three distinct Persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. GEN 1:26 | LUKE 1:35,3:21-22 | 2 COR 13:14 | MATT 28:18-20
- We believe Jesus Christ was God in the flesh and continues to be such even after His resurrection-fully God and fully man. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross to pay the penalty of our sins, was bodily resurrected on the third day, and now is seated in the heavens at the right hand of God the Father. ISA 7:14, 9:6 | MATT 1:22-23, 26:24 | MARK 16:19 | Luke 24:38-40 | JOHN 1:1-2, 1:14, 1:29, 2:18-21, 5:18, 8:46 | ACTS 2:32:33 | 1 COR 15:3-4, 15:20-21 | 2 COR 5:21 | COL 1:15-20, 2:9 | HEB 1:1-4, 4:14-15, 7:26, 9:11-14, 10:10-12 | 1 PETER 2:22-24 | 1 JOHN 3:5
- We believe that all people have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory and can be saved from eternal death only through faith in Jesus Christ; whose atoning death and resurrection secure, for us, eternal life. JER 17:9 | JOHN 3:3, 14:6, 20:30-31 | ROMANS 3:9-11, 3:23, 5:12-21, 10:8-13 | EPH 2:8-9

Please understand that everyone sins and falls short of the glory of God, and that is why we are so grateful for our Savior. Please answer the following questions honestly:

Do you have a home church? Yes or NO

How often do you attend church a month? _____

What are you currently doing to grow in your faith? HEB 10:25

Do you use drugs or marijuana? (excluding prescribed medications used only by the person they are prescribed to and in the correct dosage) ROM 13:1-2 YES or NO

Do you use alcohol? YES or NO

If you answered yes to using alcohol, do you drink to drunkenness? EPH 5:18, PRO 20:1, TITUS 2:3 YES or NO

Do you agree that sexual activity is sacred and designed by God to exist within the sanctity of marriage? GEN 2:24, I COR 6:18, HEB 13:4 YES or NO

Do you agree that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and try to practice good health? I COR 6:19 YES or NO

Have you ever been brought up on child abuse charges? YES or NO

If you answered yes to having been brought up on child abuse charges, please give the date of the charge, whether the case has been closed or not and explain below:

Date of charge: _____

Case explanation:

Have you ever been disqualified to work with the state foster care system? YES or NO

If you answered yes to being disqualified to work for the state foster care system, please give the date and the explanation below.

Date dismissed: _____

Explanation:

Are you a single parent? YES or NO

If you answered yes, what extended support team would help you in the raising of this child?

Have you taken any classes on early childhood trauma? YES or NO

Head of Household Signature /Date

Spouse's Signature/Date

Application checklist:

- Completed application
- Signed Statement of Faith by adopting couple
- Letter of recommendation for the adopting family from their pastor. This should be emailed directly to info@divinenest.com by pastor upon request of the applicant. Make sure applicant name is in the subject line.
 - Signed statement of faith by pastor (emailed directly to info@divinenest.com by pastor upon request of the applicant. Make sure applicant name is in the subject line.
- Letter of recommendation for the adopting family from their caseworker. This should be emailed directly to info@divinenest.com by pastor upon request of the applicant. Make sure applicant name is in the subject line.
- Letter of recommendation from someone other than pastor or relative emailed directly to info@divinenest.com at the request of the applicant. Make sure applicant name is in the subject line.
- Completed reference check from adoption agency including federal criminal background on all adults (18 years and older) living in the household.
- IRS tax information (W2 and 1040 forms or 1099 forms) for last two years
- Net worth of property, investments, goods and liquid assets
- Annual budget information for both income and expenses
- Copy of projected adoption expenses from the agency or lawyer
- Copy of your completed home study
- Family or referral photos
- Signed Media release form