

Eligibility Requirements for Adopting through Generations Adoptions

- 1. The adoptive couple must be a legally married husband and wife who have a stable marriage. The adoptive couple must be married for a minimum of three years.**
- 2. The adoptive couple needs to each be professing Christians and members of the same church affiliation within the limits of traditional Christianity. Generations is a Christian agency and our main criteria is to place children into Christian families.**
- 3. The age of the adoptive parents should be such that it could be reasonably expected for them to raise a child to maturity. Couples must have one parent between the age of 25 and 45 years of age. The remaining parent's age must be within five years outside of these parameters.**
- 4. The adoptive couple must commit to and acknowledge the importance of one parent being a “stay at home” parent, specifically during the initial six months until finalization. This “stay at home” parent may work up to 20 hours per week outside the home, if necessary.**
- 5. The adoptive couple must submit a proof of employment and have a good employment record.**
- 6. The adoptive couple must be in good physical, mental, and emotional health. *If health problems exist, they must be under control.***
- 7. The adoptive couple must *be committed to affirming and acknowledging the brave decisions that the birthmothers have made to choose adoption over abortion. Nationwide, only 1% of pregnant women choose adoption as their answer to an unplanned pregnancy. Prospective adoptive parents must understand this and realize that these birthmothers who consider adoption as the best loving decision for their child are worthy of honor and respect.***
- 8. The adoptive couple needs to be financially secure.**
- 9. The adoptive couple must complete the “initial application” and the “formal application.” *These are used as screening tools to ensure that the couple meets our criteria. The admissions committee makes the final decision on whether or not a couple is a “good fit” for our agency.***
- 10. The adoptive couple must attend one three (3) hour adoptive couple orientation on a weekday during office hours and one adoption education class on a Saturday.**
- 11. They must successfully complete an adoptive home study in accordance with Texas DFPS standards. *Home visits will be scheduled during normal business hours. All family members are required to be present.***
- 12. Each couple must consent to Criminal History & Central Registry Background Check & FBI fingerprint check.**
- 13. The adoptive couple must be able to allow the child to receive generally accepted medical care and treatment (including life saving and invasive procedures) as recommended by competent licensed medical care providers.**
- 14. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant based upon what the Board determines is in the best interest of the mission of this agency.**