

Information Packet and  
Pre-Application for  
Prospective Adoptive Families

**Embryo Adoption Program**



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Dear Prospective Adoptive Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Generations Adoptions. Generations is a non-profit organization licensed by the State of Texas. Generations is located in Waco, Texas, and opened in July 2004. Our mission is to provide permanent Christian adoptive families for children in need; counseling and support services for women throughout their pregnancy; and Christian families for orphans from around the globe.

In addition, we are excited to work with Nightlight Christian Adoptions and provide home study and post placement services to families in the state of Texas seeking to adopt through the Snowflakes Embryo Adoption Program. We encourage you to read the following information prayerfully as you consider your possible adoption journey. We hope that this information will answer many of your questions about our agency.

After prayerful consideration, if it is your joint opinion that you meet the qualifications as an adoptive couple with Generations Adoptions, and would like to further pursue embryo adoption through our agency, please complete the enclosed Adoptive Parent Pre-Application packet. *If you have questions about meeting any of the eligibility requirements, please call first and speak to Erin Wheeler before completing the pre-application.* Erin will contact you after we receive and review your pre-application.

Generations achieved Hague Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA) to offer international adoption programs for families in all 50 states. We are also a member of ECFA (Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability), NCAF (National Christian Adoption Fellowship), and NCFA (National Council for Adoption).

Should God lead you to adopt through Generations, we will commit to pray for you, and with you, as God leads you in your journey of adoption.

Sincerely,

Cathy Sones  
Executive Director

***Providing Hope for Future Generations***

## **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.**
- 4. The adoptive couple must submit a proof of employment and have a good employment record.**
- 5. The adoptive couple must be in good physical, mental, and emotional health. *If health problems exist, they must be under control.***
- 6. The adoptive couple needs to be financially secure.**
- 7. The adoptive couple must complete the “pre-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.***
- 8. The adoptive couple 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.***
- 9. The adoptive couple must consent to Criminal History & Central Registry Background Check & FBI fingerprint check.**
- 10. 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.**
- 11. 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.**

## Summary of Services to Adoptive Families

The agency provides adoption services to families who meet the screening requirements of the agency. The following services are available:

1. Pre-adoption training through the education and home study process.
2. Home studies for families.
3. Post-adoption services to include
  - a. Post-birth visits for families.
  - b. Ongoing counseling available to assist with
    1. Bonding
    2. Understanding genetic parent(s) grief
    3. Assisting with adoption issues of the adoptive parents, child, or siblings.

### Clarifications

We cannot make any guarantees regarding a placement or a timetable. It is dependent upon the genetic parents' ultimate decisions.

We do not provide children for families, but rather families for children.

We cannot predict the behavior of genetic parents.

We cannot predict how the children will "turn out."

We cannot predict our own future.

### Embryo Adoption Fee Schedule and Structure

Generations Adoptions Home Study Fee*	\$2,000
Snowflakes Program Fee	\$8,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase I with application</li> <li>• Phase II upon commencement of matching process</li> <li>• Phase III upon execution of contracts</li> <li>• Phase IV prior to shipment of embryos</li> </ul>	\$500 \$500 \$3,500 \$3,500
Fertility Clinic Frozen Embryo Transfer Fee	\$3,000 – \$5,000
Post-Birth Visit Fee*	<u>\$350</u>
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$13,350 – \$15,350</b>

\* mileage is charged at the IRS rate, if over 30 miles. Depending upon distance, lodging and/or meals may apply. When more than one visit is required for home study or post placement visits, some of the visits may take place at our office.

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Signature of Prospective Adoptive Father

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Date

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Signature of Prospective Adoptive Mother

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Date

## Who We Are As An Agency

As a non-denominational Christian ministry serving Christian families, Generations Adoptions desires that families know and understand the foundation that this ministry is established upon. Generations is committed to placing children with married Christian husbands and wives who have an active and vibrant Christian faith. Generations seeks families that have a firm commitment to live according to God's Word and to teach their child(ren) who Jesus is so that they, too, can come to have a personal relationship with Him.

We want you to consider carefully if we are the right agency for your family, taking into account our values as a Christian ministry. We recognize there are many wonderful adoption agencies, with different requirements that may better meet your needs as you expand your family. We believe it is our responsibility as an agency to understand each applicant's Christian faith, and consider it crucial to our fulfillment of the very foundation of our ministry to evaluate if we are the right agency for you as well.

In an effort to help us understand your beliefs and practices, **we ask that you read the following Statement of Faith carefully and determine if you both are in complete agreement.** In addition we ask that you each complete the Christian Faith Experience questions completely, describing your beliefs and practices. Please return your responses with the initial application.

### Generations Adoptions' Statement of Faith

(Adapted from the National Association of Evangelicals' Statement of Faith)

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to perform good works.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. God is the Creator of all life, including the unborn and the issues of life and death should remain in His hands.
9. Marriage is ordained of God to be the union of a man and a woman.

*We are in complete agreement with the above Statement of Faith.*

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Signature of Prospective Adoptive Father

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Date

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Signature of Prospective Adoptive Mother

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Date

## **Husband's/Wife's Christian Faith Experience**

Both husband and wife must answer each of the following questions on separate sheets of paper. Please make sure your answers are typed and include the numbers below with each response. Include your signature and date at the end of your responses. Read ALL of the questions first before answering.

1. Please describe what the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ means to you personally.
2. How does one become a Christian?
3. Briefly describe how you became a Christian.
4. Describe your spiritual growth and experience since becoming a Christian.
5. How do you address sin in your life?
6. How does your personal relationship with Jesus Christ affect your daily life?
7. How do you know that you have complete assurance that you are going to Heaven? What Bible verses can you name that give you this assurance?

## Application Process:

1. Complete the Initial Application online by clicking on this [link](#). Make sure you write down your user name and password for future use.
2. Complete the Full Application online by clicking on this [link](#). This provides the remaining application information we need to complete your home study. You are allowed to submit information in segments and return at a later time to complete the application. Make sure you click “Submit” at the bottom before leaving each time you edit the application. Once it is fully completed, Check the box labeled “Application Form Complete” at the bottom of the application.
3. Attach the forms below using this [link](#). Any Generations forms may be found on our website under Embryo > Forms.  
\*If you have any issues with the application process please email [jerry@generationsadoptions.org](mailto:jerry@generationsadoptions.org).

## Please attach the following documents:

- Photo of prospective adoptive parents
- Photos of home (*including front and back yards*)
- Copies of drivers licenses
- Floor plan of the home (*including dimensions and purposes of rooms*)
- Directions to the home (*from the Generations office*)
- Autobiography for each parent (*agency uses in home study*)
- Statement of income (*last year's W-2 forms or income tax form*)
- Copy of savings and checking account statements for 2 months
- Copy of any additional savings accounts (*IRA, Mutual funds, CD, etc. if applicable*)
- Proof of health and life insurance coverage
- Felony affidavits (*if applicable*)
- Pet vaccination records (*if applicable*)
- Proof of employment (*pay stubs for each parent*)
- Good employment record (*resume for each parent*)
- Copy of marriage license
- Copy of divorce decree (*if applicable*)
- Copies of birth certificates for all family members
- Completed medical examination forms for husband, wife, and children
- Signed acknowledgment of behavior policy
- Signed authorization to photograph
- Signed audio/video release
- Copy of any previous home studies (*if applicable*)