

The Elizaveta Fund

A Fund to Support the Adoption of Orphans

Application Guidelines

As an adoptive family, James and Faye Cox established the Elizaveta Fund to assist families in the adoption of orphans. There are so many great families that may be willing to adopt one of the millions of orphans in the world but for the cost. This fund will be held at the Union County Foundation to assist other families in their desire to adopt either domestically or through foreign adoption. If you are in the process of adopting an orphan, please help us serve you by submitting your application according to the following required guidelines:

1. You must have a completed certified home study that has been approved by a qualified agency or acceptable by the Probate Court with jurisdiction.
2. Complete the attached Elizaveta Fund Application and Finalization/Reimbursement Agreement
3. All applications should be submitted to FCox@marysvillelawfirm.com or the Elizaveta Fund at 110 S. Main Street, Marysville, Ohio 43040.
4. Upon completion of the adoption, please provide proof of the adoption as well as a photo of your family which may be used in our marketing efforts.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

The Elizaveta Fund is established to assist deserving families looking to adopt an orphan either domestically or internationally.

Preference will be given to families that have at least one working spouse and are financially able to handle the addition of a child but the upfront costs of the adoption process would be prohibitive.

Preference will be given to families with less than five children in the household.

Preference will be given to two parent households.

Special preference will be given to families that have tried and failed to have children naturally or through assistive reproductive technologies.

Preference will be given to families residing in Union County.

Race, ethnicity and religious affiliation will have no impact on the selection process.

Does it matter what kind of adoption program we are using?

No, you may be pursuing a private or agency, domestic or international or foster to adoption program. However, the Elizaveta Fund will only financially support the adoption of an orphan and as such step parent, and grandparent adoptions are not eligible for funding.

What level of support is available?

Because it is important that families have some “skin in the game”, the fund can distribute up to a maximum 50% of out of pocket expenses (after applicable tax credits are accounted for) that a family incurs in the process of adopting. This includes: adoption fees, legal fees, travel costs. It does not include food, clothing or other personal expenditures.

Do I have to live in Union County?

Preference will be given to families residing in Union County. However, this restriction can be waived if a deserving family has a connection (family, etc.) to Union County, Ohio.

When will funds be distributed?

The application process will be open all year long. Recipients will be chosen and funds distributed quarterly. The board may personally interview up to 5 finalists. Additionally, funds may be distributed for “emergency situations” upon approval of the board.

PLEASE DO NOT RETYPE THIS APPLICATION. EACH QUESTION MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY.

If question is not applicable to you, please mark N/A. If you leave a question blank your application will be considered incomplete. Your application will be incomplete if any of the following is missing:

**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR VALID HOME STUDY
A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT TAX RETURN
TYPED PERSONAL STATEMENT
REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**

Date: _____

Applicant #1 Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Work: _____

Email: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Applicant #2 Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Work: _____

Email: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

If not located in Union County, describe your connection to Union County:

Number of children in your immediate family: _____

State or Country you are adopting from: _____(if known)

Adoption Agency/Attorney: _____

Financial Information:

- a. Combined Anticipated Earnings for Current Year: \$ _____
- b. Balance of Checking and Savings Account: \$ _____
- c. Employer Adoption Assistance: \$ _____
- d. Combined Net Worth of Retirement Plans: \$ _____
- e. Combined Net Worth of Stocks/Bonds: \$ _____
- f. Value of Real Estate: \$ _____
- g. Other Assets _____
- h. Outstanding Mortgages: \$ _____
- i. Student Loan Debt: \$ _____
- j. Car Loans \$ _____
- k. Other outstanding Debt: \$ _____

Set forth your anticipated Adoption Expenses: _____

Personal Statement: Please attach a personal statement as to any special considerations you would the board to consider, as well as your reasoning for expanding your family through adoption.

We hereby certify that the information we have provided is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Applicant #1

Applicant # 2

FINALIZATION/ REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

By accepting funds from the Elizaveta Fund to support my/our adoption I/we agree to provide the following information by April 15TH of the year following the completion of my/our adoption:

1. My/Our tax return wherein the adoption is reflected
2. A photo of my/our family which may be used for marketing of the Elizaveta Fund.

I/We further understand that should the Elizaveta Fund provide me/us funding that after receipt of the Federal Adoption Credit exceeds fifty percent (50%) of my/our adoption costs that I/we will refund the Elizaveta Fund the difference.

Applicant #1

Applicant #2