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**Voice for
Adoption
Creates
Resource List
on Financing
Higher
Education**

In response to requests from students and adoptive parents about college scholarships and other financial aid opportunities, Voice for Adoption has created the Financial Aid Resource List for Foster and Adopted Youth. This

Has the cost of the home study kept you from pursuing your dream of expanding your family? Let me take a moment to share something very exciting with you, we recently are able to offer to underwrite the cost of the first forty families interested in adopting from foster care. What better time to start your adoption journey, with the possibility to have part or all of your home study fees paid for!

It is our mission to find forever families for those children considered hardest to place and with this offer we are able to do this for more children.

- Family must pay the application fee of \$500.00 & Travel fee's only, no other fee's.
- Family will have an orientation with an adoption worker.
- Family will be offered the ability to search both instate and out of state for a sibling group match.

Are you are interested in taking advantage of our scholarship opportunity, but would like more information?

We are currently setting up "Informational Adoption Meetings" in the following areas, please let us know if you would like to attend.

Portland
Salem
Eugene
Bend
Klamath Falls
Costal Cities

We have the ability to work all over the state, but when we can lump families together, our worker can save families even more on travel expenses when they proceed with the home study.

If you are interested in adoption and would like more information, please call 541-343-2856 or email linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org or christy@afamilyforeverychild.org

**Start Your Home Study Sooner
Rather Than Later!**

How long will it take for a child to come home?

The amount of time it will take for a child to enter your home will

resource sheet provides a snapshot of information about potential financial aid opportunities. We encourage you to share this resource with interested professionals, students, and families.

[Resource Sheet](#)
[Tuition Fact Sheet](#)

Volunteer Needs

Spanish Translator: We need a volunteer to help us translate documents from Spanish to English.

Child Recruiter: This position would be responsible for finding children that are available for adoption and obtaining permission from their caseworker to place them on our public website.

Receptionist Volunteer: Need someone to answer phones and help answer families questions from 3:00-5:00. Must have nice phone skills and be eager to help families.

State-by-State Project: Someone to research each state policy for placing children that are in the foster care system, organize data and enter into a spreadsheet.

For all of our volunteer opportunities please visit [here](#).

Complete a [Volunteer Application](#).

Do You Have Some Spare Time?

The Heart Gallery is in need of these things:

-Venue Volunteers: These volunteers pick up the photos, take them out to the venues and replace the other photos. This happens monthly, around the 10th. We need venue volunteers in the Eugene/Springfield area

depend a lot on a family's preferences. If you are very specific in your desires to grow your family, you should expect the wait to be longer. However, be aware that summer is a time when a lot of placements can occur, due to the timing of transitioning a child. It is common for many social workers wishing to transition their child before the start of a new school year. So we are encouraging our families at this time to start their home study sooner rather than later in order to begin their adoption journey!

It's the Law - States Must Consider Out of State Placements

Federal law makes it clear that States are not allowed to use jurisdictional barriers as a justification for delaying or denying permanency for a child. As specified in the [Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997](#), and reinforced by the [Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006](#), States are required to consider inter-jurisdictional placements.

The Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) is a uniform law enacted in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, establishing procedures for interstate adoption placements. It applies only to children who are placed for adoption across state lines, and not to placements with a close adult relative.

Q: How does the ICPC process work?

A: If a family is from one state and the baby they wish to adopt is born in another:

1. The family travels to the sending state to accept placement of the child.
2. Before the family is allowed to leave the sending state, the adoption agency submits the ICPC paperwork to the sending state's ICPC office.
3. After the sending state has approved the adoption, the paperwork is forwarded to the receiving state's ICPC office.
4. Once the receiving state has approved the paperwork, the family is notified, and only then can they return to their state with their child.

If ICPC is not followed, or the family leaves prior to approval, the adoption could be jeopardized. Most states allow the adoptive family to stay with the child during the wait.

Q: How much time is needed to process ICPC paperwork?

A: ICPC cannot begin until one or both (depending on the situation) birthparents' rights have been surrendered. All documents must be submitted together. Some items (discharge paperwork, medical records) are not available until the baby is released from the hospital.

The paperwork usually takes seven to 10 business days to process, although ICPC offices in some states take longer. Adoptive families should make the necessary arrangements to stay in the sending state for at least two weeks. Only one parent is required to stay with the child. Foster care can be arranged if necessary.

Q: Should I contact the ICPC offices to check our approval status?

A: Adoptive families should not contact ICPC offices; they will be notified immediately upon ICPC approval. Your attorney or agency needs to know where to reach you at all times during this wait.

Q: Are there other situations in which ICPC is involved?

A: ICPC may be triggered if the adoptive parents move from their home state prior to finalization of the adoption. Most states require an ICPC filing prior to the move. ICPC is not involved in international placements.

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for Denny's on I-5, Strike City Bowling Alley and Putters on Highway 99, Kendall Honda, Chevy and Subaru on Goodpasture Island Road, Wells Fargo Bank and Summit Bank in downtown Eugene.

If you are interested in helping once a month at a venue, please call Joanne at: 541-343-2856.

-Contributions for photos: Children have beautiful photos taken by our volunteer photographers. When a child is approved to go up in Heart Gallery venues, we need to order photos to display. We keep photos and just exchange them from one venue to another. New children are always going up in the venues and the children that are placed with their 'forever families' are taken out of the mix of photos. The average spent on photos monthly is around \$100.

-Sponsorships for venues: Sometimes a venue would be a great place to get a lot of exposure for these children with many people visiting the venue. Photos can be purchased monthly for just one venue, if we have people interested. This would assist us in having more venues, but would not stretch our financial obligations too thin with the other venues we are now assisting. Photos are not that expensive if you purchase them for one venue once a month.



Watch for more information soon! In the next month, we will open up registration for adoptive and foster families. We'll announce it on Facebook and Twitter first, so like our page and sign up to follow us on Twitter. We will also be giving 24 hour notice on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and tickets will be limited.

Sign up now!

It Takes a Village and We Need You!

We want and need your help to spread the word! Here are ways you can help us recruit for kids:

- Email us any supports, training's, activities, blogs, anything that could help. Contact: christy@afamilyforeverychild.org
 - Become a [volunteer](#)
 - Donate, attend, or become a sponsor at our [event](#)
 - Host a Heart Gallery. info@afamilyforeverychild.org
 - Become a mentor. caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org
- Questions? Ideas? christy@afamilyforeverychild.org

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