



Chosen Application for Foster or Orphan Care Team

Thank you for sharing your orphan care project with Chosen and ABBA Fund as we look for ways to work alongside those who share our heart to care for the orphans around the world. We are looking for partnerships that are committed to helping care for orphans in an environment where they will not only experience the love of Jesus Christ but be introduced to the person of Jesus Christ, and prayerfully one day trust in Him so that they will be adopted into ABBA Father's family through salvation. ([Rom 8:14-16](#); [Gal 4:4-6](#); [Eph. 1:4-6](#))

Chosen Marathon has developed a model to help participating ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES benefit from this sporting event to help raise funds for their work around the world. That benefit comes from a grant that is generated from a combination of registration fees from participants and charitable contributions to your ministry. In order to be considered for participation in and benefit from the Chosen Grant Fund, please submit this application with the requested documents below.

Please understand that Chosen cannot accommodate every orphan care project that requests to participate in our sporting events – so we prayerfully look for ministries and projects that align with the heart of our event organizers, projects that are having a Kingdom impact, and orphan care efforts that have substantial needs to achieve its objectives. We appreciate your understanding that we will not provide explanations of why we did or did not select specific projects – we just don't have the capacity to support all opportunities.

ABBA FUND & CHOSEN

Chosen Marathon is a registered "doing business as" (DBA) of ABBA Fund. ABBA Fund is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry that administers the funds of Chosen Marathon and its related events, and is a member in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). In order for us to accept funds on the behalf of your orphanage project and award grants to your efforts, we need the following items:

- The completed application information that follows this overview.
- A 250-500 word overview of the orphan care project, how many children are impacted by your work, where the work will be done, and information about the ministry or local church you partner with to accomplish that work. Please include any websites or blogs related to your project and/or the partner organization.
- A 250-500 word description of how you will promote the Chosen benefit run and your team's involvement.
- A copy of your 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS OR a letter on Church letterhead stating they will receive funds on behalf of the Orphan Care Project as a mission outreach of their congregation and signed by someone with budget authority at the Church.
- A copy of your most recent IRS Form 990.
- 3-4 digital photos representing your project (and a ministry or project logo)

ABBA Fund's Grant Fund Administration & Guidelines

Understanding

Chosen Marathon has developed a wonderful model to help participating orphan care ministries to benefit from this sporting event. That benefit comes from a grant that is generated from a combination of registration fees and charitable contributions into the Chosen Family Grant Fund. In order to participate in and benefit from this grant fund, you need to familiarize yourself with and accept the following guidelines. Adhering to these guidelines is critical to protecting the charitable nature of the funds donated, and the charitable benefit to the donors.

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GRANTS versus "PERSONAL ACCOUNT"

Organization Leader Initials _____

Your participation in the Chosen Grant Fund is in no way to be construed as setting up a "personal account" with ABBA Fund, which is not permitted by IRS guidelines. Contributions you help raise for the Chosen Grant Fund do not create an account from which you can draw down funds as needed. Your participation is part of a group of orphan care projects for which ABBA Fund is attempting to reduce the financial burden so that orphans can be cared for in loving, nurturing Christian environments.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS & IRS GUIDELINES

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These guidelines are part of the procedures ABBA Fund has in place to adhere to IRS regulations and protect the charitable integrity of a donor's gift. IRS regulations require that donations are made to the organization which is the approved charitable entity (ABBA Fund) and not an individual (family). As evidence of that, ABBA Fund maintains full control and administration of all donated funds.

Donors are permitted to state a preference of how their contribution is used and request that it support a particular family or project -- and ABBA Fund will fully consider that request, while the ultimate authority regarding the disposition of the funds is at the discretion of the charitable organization.

SERVICE FEE FOR THE GRANT FUND

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While Chosen and ABBA Fund are working to minimize administrative fees by conducting successful events, please know that there are fees tied to bank card contributions and support of these online fundraising pages that are unavoidable. To that end, a flat 5% fee will be deducted from all contributions to the Chosen Grant Fund to cover those costs.

ADDITIONAL DONATED FUNDS

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Your participation in a Chosen event is a great way to spark additional generosity to help with foster or orphan care expenses. As part of our service to your project, we have provided the means for a DONATION PAGE so you can invite your friends/family to support your project. This donation page tool can be used after the event is over to continue receiving support for your adoption journey or project. To be eligible, teams **MUST** complete their application and receive approval before they can begin using this fundraising tool.

In order for Chosen & ABBA Fund to receive charitable gifts for your Family Adoption Fund, you must be in agreement with ABBA Fund's Statement of Faith to be part of the qualified group the IRS has approved our ministry to support. Similar to Race for the Cure and other benefit races, donors financially give to benefit the cause -- in our case, adoption and orphan care. The charitable ministry has full administration and control of all gifts, but is allowed by IRS guidelines to fully consider the requested preferences of donors.

For teams who do not align with ABBA Fund's charitable mission, values and Statement of Faith, we have identified two non-faith or value-restricted services that provide the same opportunity: AdoptTogether.org and PureCharity.org. Those wanting to use these options should carefully read those organization's guidelines for setting up adoption profiles, receiving gifts and disbursing grants.

Funds donated through our registration platform, which are outside of these guidelines, will be contributed to Chosen's general fund to provide adoption assistance and orphan care.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Organization Leader Initials _____

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 4:4-6)
- 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. (John 1:1-4; Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 & 4:15; Acts 1:11 & 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. (Titus 3:4-7; Luke 24:46-47; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. (Galatians 5:16-18; Romans 8:9)
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment. (Revelation 20:11-15; 2 Corinthians 15:51-57)
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23; 2 Corinthians 12:12, 27)

Please check

- I agree with the Statement of Faith I do not agree with the Statement of Faith

Signature

We have read this clarification, understand the IRS guidelines ABBA Fund must adhere to, and pledge to help communicate to our donors the distinction of making a contribution to ABBA Fund's Chosen Grant Fund (the charitable entity) versus making a gift to your family (which would not qualify as a charitable gift). We also understand and accept the fees that may be assessed as part of the grant and loan fund administration.

Must be signed by organization leader:

Ministry Leader Signature Ministry Leader Signature Date

I. SUMMARY OF ORPHAN CARE PROJECT

PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Project:	Website, Blog, Social Media Handles:
Mission Statement or Key Objectives:	
Country(ies) and City(ies) of Focus:	
Number of Orphans Impacted:	
PLEASE ATTACH a 250-500 word A 250-500 word overview of the orphan care project, where the work will be done, and information about the ministry or local church you partner with to accomplish that work.	

MAIN CONTACT'S INFORMATION

Name	Phone ()
Mailing Address	Title
Email Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Church Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Church Lay Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Volunteer	

SECONDARY CONTACT'S INFORMATION

Name	Phone ()
Mailing Address	Title
Email Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Church Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Church Lay Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Volunteer	

CONSENT AND SIGNATURE

My submission of this application gives Chosen and ABBA Fund approval to use our orphan care project name, pictures, stories and logo in conjunction with the promotion of Chosen events and the encouragement of individuals to support our orphan care work. We also understand and agree that 1) Chosen contacting any of individuals in no way indicates approval of our application, 2) Chosen is in no way obligated to share its reason for selection or denial of this application, and 3) Chosen in no way promises any financial support just based on the submission or approval of this application; all disbursements of grants is dependent upon the success of the event and generosity of participants and supporters.

Signature of Orphan Project Representative	Date
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Please submit completed application, along with attachment to chosenapplication@abbafund.org.