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Thank you for taking the time to apply to the Adoption Initiative, Fr. Dennis Mullen Fund for a grant to help with your journey of becoming a parent. The adoption of our children who need forever homes are of the utmost importance to Fr. Dennis Mullen and the Fund committee.

Our grant awards are given on a yearly basis. Applications are accepted after July 1st of the year, will be considered for the July award of the next year.

Once your application is received, the applicant will be notified via email that the application has been submitted and then the committee will notify the applicant of the interview.

Grant Application List

- Grant Guidelines
- Family Information
- Parent Information
- Home Study Information
- Essay Questions
- Letter of Introduction/Reference Letters

We require a letter of introduction from two people who are not related to you and one from your Pastor.

These letters will be emailed to:

AIFDMF
111 West Marshall
Rice Lake, WI 54868

Applications will not be considered if they are incomplete.

Grant Selection Process

1. The Fr. Dennis Mullen Adoption Initiative Fund Committee meets monthly to review the applications submitted to AIFDMF. The committee will then set up times and dates to meet with the applicants.
2. After personal contact, the AIFDMF will again review the applications and award the grant.
3. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via US mail within 10 days of the Committee's decision.

Criteria for Applications

A completed application along with the supporting documents must be received. Those that are not completed or do not have the supporting documents will not be considered.



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Applicants

Applicants must prove a financial need.

Applications

Applications must not be submitted for reimbursement for an already completed adoption.

Applications will be reviewed by AIFDMF committee, then those completed applications that meet all described criteria and exhibit the greatest financial need, significant obstacles, and hardships will be presented to and reviewed by the committee for final selection. The final decision will be on a case-by-case basis.

Please do not call or email to follow-up on your submitted application, unless you are invited to by the AIFDMF committee.

Grant monies must be utilized within six (6) months from when the check arrives at the provider, otherwise, the monies will be returned and used for the next funding cycle.

If at any time the recipient terminates their adoption plans, the grant money will be forfeited and returned to the AIFDMF.

AIFDMF accepts applications regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or marital status.

AIFDMF committee members are not allowed to apply for this grant.

General questions about this grant or process may be directed to:
Fr. Dennis Mullen 715-566-1781

All grant monies will be distributed to the agency/service provider and applicant.

We have read and understand the Adoption Initiative Father Dennis Mullen Fund general grant selection process and criteria guidelines for applications.

Prospective Mother

Date

Prospective Father

Date



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Prospective Family Information

Today's Date _____

Prospective Mother Name	Maiden Name	Date of Birth

Prospective Father Name	Date of Birth

Address	
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Home Phone	Mother's Cell	Father's Cell

Marital Status (please select one)

Single	Married
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Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage

Others in the home (Please include all dependents)

Name	Age	Biological	Adopted

Does anyone else reside with you, please list their name, age and what is your relationship to them?

Name	Age	Who Resides With

Do you have any dependents who reside elsewhere or have partial custody of, please list below, name, age, and who the child resides with.

Name	Age	Who Resides With



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Prospective Parent Information

Prospective Mother

Prospective Mother Name _____

Current Occupation	
Length of Employment	
Name of Employer	
Address of Employer	
Work Phone Number	
Supervisor's Name	
# Hours per Week	
Annual Gross Income	

We may ask for a copy of your 1040 if necessary

Were you previously married? Yes No

If Yes, How many times?	
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Did you bear children outside of your current marriage? Yes No

Type of Relationship	Marriage	Cohabitation	Other
Start Date of Marriage / Relationship		Date of Divorce / Death or Relationship End	
# Children		Custodial Parent	
Ending Amicable?		Name of Spouse/Partner	
Address			

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Please explain your situation, please do so below and continue on back if necessary.

What are your Hobbies, Interests, and/or Community Activities?



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Prospective Parent Information

Prospective Father

Prospective Father Name _____

Current Occupation	
Length of Employment	
Name of Employer	
Address of Employer	
Work Phone Number	
Supervisor's Name	
# Hours per Week	
Annual Gross Income	

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Home Study Information

Agency Conducting Home Study	
Social Worker Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Date of completed (or expected) Home Study	

We _____ give our
Name of applicants
permission to talk with the above listed agency, social worker and attorney regarding our home study for our prospective adoption and prospective funding from the FDMAIF committee.

Prospective Mother

Date

Prospective Father

Date

Name of Attorney	
Address	
Phone Number	



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Essay Questions (Page 1)

What are your experiences with adoption?

How did you hear about the AIFDMF?

What encouraged your family to adopt?

How have you paid for your adoption thus far?



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Essay Questions (Page 2)

Are you applying for other loans or grants to help? Please be specific.

Have you received any loans or grants for this adoption? If so, please list them and the amounts below.

How will you use the AIFDMF grant if awarded? Please be specific with amounts.

Why should you be awarded a grant from AIFDMF?



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Essay Questions (Page 3)

Would you be willing to share with other pre/post adoptive families, your stories, joys, and sorrows?

Should the grant not be awarded to you, how will this affect your adoption?

Is there anything else you would like to add?