



Due by
May 20

Application for the 2017 Trot to Adopt - Nov. 11, 2017

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 Trot to Adopt, to be held on 11/11/2017. The Trot to Adopt is a fundraiser for families in the CSRA seeking financial assistance for their adoption process. It came about in 2011 for the purpose of raising funds for one family's adoption. Because of the impact it made on the community, rallying together for a child in need of a family, and because of the success in raising funds, prospective adopting families asked if there could be another Trot. The 2017 5K will be the seventh annual Trot to Adopt held at the Blanchard Woods Park in Evans. It is our desire to support families who intend to raise the child they are adopting in a Christ-centered home where they can live out the gospel daily.

"He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him In His Arms, He said to them, "whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me." Mark 9:36-37

We intend for all families selected to experience the greatest level of success from the Trot to Adopt. Therefore, it must be understood that the Trot to Adopt is an endeavor that requires work and a high level of commitment - much like a group fundraiser. Each family selected will be asked to be active participants, with the majority of the fundraising burden being divided among just a handful of families. We have found that those who raise the most funds are those families who have strong church, work and community ties. The race-fees are just a small part of the funds raised and shared among families. Most of the funds raised are from your 1) corporate sponsors and 2) contacts/supporters of the participants who sponsor the runners/walkers a dollar amount of their choice, earmarking their sponsorship dollars for one of the families.

Requirements for applicants (incomplete applications will not be accepted)

- applicants must live in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA)
- financial need will be considered among applicants (within application)
- enclose a copy of your completed home study
- enclose your completed application with attached essay questions (1-5)
- provide 3 referrals - postmarked by May 20 to address below
- application and documents must be postmarked by May 20, 2017:

Trot to Adopt 407 Scotts Way Augusta, GA 30909

Referrals

- pastor's referral (letter should be from an elder if you are a full time pastor)
- 2 personal references

Disbursement information

 Please initial here to acknowledge the 6 bullets below. _____

- All monies raised will be disbursed only for adoption expenses.
- Money will not be paid directly to the adoptive family, rather directly to the adoption agency.
- Trot-To-Adopt and The Project 143 under no circumstances shall be responsible for any obligation incurred by the prospective adoptive parents for adoption related obligations.
- No party shall be deemed a third party beneficiary of any money raised.
- In order for the Trot to Adopt to do what it does best (raise funds for families through the 5K), it is necessary for us to partner with an organization that can manage and distribute the funds, as well as provide a federally recognized charity for donors to receive a tax deduction for all charitable contributions. We are grateful for the collaboration of The Project 143 Foundation (a local 501(c)3 foundation), our Sponsoring Partner.

-To continue to make funds available to future Trot families, we encourage and expect families who receive Trot to Adopt-incurred funds to plan to "pay it forward" with an annual donation of at least \$200/year starting this year.

Personal information

Prospective adoptive parent's name _____

Spouse's name _____

Complete Address _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____ cell/work phone: _____

Children's names and ages (*include all dependents 18 years and younger*)

_____ Age _____ adopted biological

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Employment information

Name of employer/organization _____

Position held _____

Length of employment _____

Annual Gross income _____

Spouse's employer/organization _____

Position held _____

Length of employment _____

Annual Gross income _____

Explain any employer adoption assistance: _____

Church information

Name and address of home church _____

Phone of home church _____

Name of pastor _____

Church website _____

Home study agency / adoption information

Agency name _____
Name of caseworker coordinating adoption _____
Date of completed home study _____
Caseworker's email _____ Caseworker's phone _____
Do you plan on adopting a special needs child? _____
Have you accepted a referral? _____ expected placement date _____
Type of adoption you are seeking: _____

Financial Information

Current combined adjusted gross income _____
Last year's combined adjusted gross income _____
Do you rent or own your living space? _____

Adoption related fees and available resources

Adoption Related Fees

Agency fees	\$ _____
Home study	\$ _____
Travel	\$ _____
Placement fee	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Total costs	\$ _____

Available resources

Checking acct.	\$ _____
Savings account	\$ _____
Cash	\$ _____
Other personal funds	\$ _____
Employer assistance	\$ _____
Other grants	\$ _____
Other grants	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Total resources	\$ _____

Resources Still needed \$ _____

Essay questions

Please answer the following questions - typed on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Write your Christian testimony and describe your daily walk with God (both applicants)
2. Briefly share how you came to the decision of adoption.
3. Please list any special situations or circumstances that we should be aware of as we process your application.
4. Please explain what your understanding is as to how the Trot-To Adopt works as a fund raiser for involved families.
5. Please explain why, and how, your family would be successful at raising funds through the Trot-To-Adopt if selected to participate.

If your family is chosen, you will be featured on our website. Please write a brief family summary (4-5 sentences) that would be appropriate to share there and on social media. Please email a family picture (and a picture of your soon-to-be child, if available and if you are far enough in the process that you have permission to share it publicly) to info@trottoadopt.org, also by May 20.