

Military Adoption Benefits and Information

Consult Military OneSource as your first step. Call 800-342-9647 for 24/7 help, and connect to a Military OneSource adoption consultant, who can provide guidance on beginning the adoption process, military financial assistance and much more. It's free!

1. **Reducing expenses.** Thanks to the [Department of Defense Adoption Reimbursement Policy](#), you can claim up to \$2,000 per child and \$5,000 per calendar year in reimbursement for certain adoption expenses.
2. **Obtaining leave.** Service members may be eligible for 21 days of non-chargeable adoption leave.
3. **Getting health insurance.** Children are automatically covered under TRICARE, but after a certain amount of time—the time period varies based on your TRICARE plan—the parent must submit an enrollment application to maintain coverage.

Getting a tax credit. Families adopting a child may qualify for a [tax credit](#) (up to \$14,440 in 2021 per child) to help offset adoption costs. You may contact the North American Council on Adopted Children for more information. taxcredit@nacac.org, or #651-644-3036 x115