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How to Claim

File Form 8839, Qualified Adoption Expenses, with your tax return and keep all supporting documents.

5 Things to Know About the Adoption Credit

1 Maximum Credit

For 2025, the credit is up to \$17,280 per eligible child.

2 Eligible Child

The child must be under age 18, **or** unable to care for themselves due to a physical or mental condition.

3 Qualified Expenses

You can claim reasonable and necessary costs related to the adoption, such as court costs and attorney fees.

4 Income Limits

This amount begins to phase out if you have modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$259,190 and is completely phased out for modified adjusted gross income of \$299,190 or more.

5 Refundable Credit

You may receive up to \$5,000 as a refund, even if you owe no taxes.