

Basic Requirements

Applicants must have an interest in working with the type of children Buckner serves – children of all ages and ethnicities, with trauma histories involving abuse and neglect, as well as separation from their family of origin. Applicants must be heterosexual couples or single adults who meet the following requirements:

Program	Age*	Marriage	Single	Citizenship	Other Requirements	Cost	Wait Time
Foster Care	*	4 Years	Yes**	U.S. Citizen, Legal Permanent Resident, or Other Qualified Alien	—	Minimal: FBI Finger Prints, Etc.	4-6 Months for Licensing; Short Wait for Placement
Foster-to-Adopt	*45 Years Maximum Age Difference	4 Years	Yes**	U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident	—	Minimal: FBI Finger Prints, Attorney Costs to Finalize	4-6 Months for Licensing; Short Wait for Placement
Waiting Texas Children	*45 Years Maximum Age Difference	4 Years	Yes**	U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident	Will, Life and Health Insurance	Minimal: FBI Finger Prints, Attorney Costs to Finalize	4-6 Months for Licensing; Slightly Longer Wait for Placement
Voluntary Adoption Program	*45 Years Maximum Age Difference	4 Years***	Considered Per Policy	U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident	Active in Christian Church,**** Will, Life and Health Insurance, Approved through FTA or WTC Program	25% of Adjusted Gross Income; Min: \$14,000 Max: \$25,000 FBI Finger Prints, Attorney Costs to Finalize	Expected Minimum Wait of 2 Years
Kinship/Fostering Connections	*	2 Years	Yes**	U.S. Citizen, or Legal Permanent Resident, or other Qualified Alien	Eligible for Client Support through the Fostering Connections Act*	Minimal: FBI Finger Print, etc.	4-6 Months for Licensing
Respite Care	*	4 Years	Yes**	U.S. Citizen, Legal Permanent Resident, or Other Qualified Alien	—	Minimal: FBI Finger Prints, Etc.	4-6 Months for Licensing; Short Wait for Placement

Additional requirements for all: Reliable transportation • Annual income sufficient to care for additional children • Ability to meet Residential Child Care Licensing standards. • High school diploma, General Education Development (GED) or demonstration of basic skills.

*Must be 21 years old to provide foster care, 25 years old to adopt. **Single applicants cannot cohabit with another adult unless other such adult is a biological relative. ***Married individuals with more than two marriages will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. ****Required for approval for a voluntary adoptive placement only.