

# 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. Buckner Foster Care and Adoption places children in the homes of heterosexual, cisgender couples married at least four years as well as qualifying heterosexual, single, cisgender adults.

Program	Age*	Marriage	Single	Citizenship	Other Requirements	Cost	Wait Time
<b>Foster Care</b>	*	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
<b>Foster-to-Adopt</b>	*	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
<b>Waiting Texas Children</b>	*	4 Years	Yes**	U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident	Will, Life and Health Insurance	Minimal: FBI Finger Prints, Attorney Costs to Finalize	6 Months to a year for Licensing
<b>Domestic Infant and Child Adoption Program</b>	*	4 Years***	Considered Per Policy	U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident	Active in Christian Church, **** Will, Life and Health Insurance,	25% of Adjusted Gross Income; Min: \$14,000 Max: \$25,000 FBI Finger Prints, Attorney Costs to Finalize	4-6 months for approval; Expected minimum wait of 2-3 years
<b>Kinship/ Fostering Connections</b>	*	2 Years	Yes**	U.S. Citizen, Eligible for or Legal Permanent Resident, or other Qualified Alien	Minimal: Client Support through the Fostering Connections Act*	FBI Finger Print, etc.	4-6 Months for Licensing
<b>Respite Care</b>	*	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.