



## Sparkles' Garden of Life Grant

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**Sparkles of Life, Inc.** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting couples on their paths to parenthood. We at Sparkles of Life recognize that every family building journey is unique; and we are especially sensitive to the emotional and financial burden placed upon couples struggling to conceive. That is why we have partnered with the Houston Fertility Institute to provide deserving couples with the Sparkles' Garden of Life Grant. The Garden of Life Grant is awarded to couples who demonstrate a documented need for fertility treatment. Through the grant, those whose delayed parenting journey consists of documented infertility or miscarriage(s) receive significant financial assistance to undergo In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatment.

### Sparkles' Garden of Life Grant Details

#### Grant Details:

**The Garden of Life Grant has a cash value of \$2,000 to be used for one In Vitro Fertilization treatment.**

Those awarded are required to find/provide additional funding to cover the remaining cost of their IVF treatment. **The grant pays the treatment exclusively and does not cover associated medical costs (i.e. medications, post-treatment medical procedures, etc.).**

The **Houston Fertility Institute** will provide the In Vitro Fertilization Treatment for all grant awardees.

The Sparkles' Garden of Life Grant will be disbursed directly to the Houston Fertility Institute. Awardees will not receive any direct payments.

#### Applicant Eligibility:

All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for the Sparkles' Garden of Life Grant:

- Must be at least 18 years of age,
- Must have a combined household income of less than \$175,000,
- Must demonstrate a documented need for fertility treatment as defined by the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (For more information about the how the ASRM defines "documented infertility," visit: <http://www.asrm.org>.),
- Must not have insurance coverage for IVF treatment,
- Must not have undergone previous IVF treatment,
- Must have no biological children (Applicants with adopted children will be considered.),
- Must be a United States citizen or have permanent resident status (green card),
- Must live in Houston, Texas or surrounding areas and
- **Must be available to support in 2020-22 Sparkles of Life events.**



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### **Submission Requirements:**

- Only one application per household.
  
- Each couple applying for the Garden of Life Grant is required to pay a non-refundable \$100 processing fee. To pay the processing fee, log on to <http://www.sparklesoflife.org> and pay online. The PayPal receipt must be sent with the application materials to verify payment using email [info@sparklesoflife.org](mailto:info@sparklesoflife.org).
  
- Each couple applying must submit the following materials:
  - ✓ A Completed Application Form.
  - ✓ A Statement of Need which is a letter of no more than 500 words, detailing your family building journey and explaining why you deserve to be awarded the Sparkles' Garden of Life Grant.
  - ✓ Submission of the family's 1040Tax return or W2 forms from the last two years to verify family income.
  - ✓ All application materials, including copies of form(s) and the PayPal receipt, must be sent together in one email submission. Each applicant will receive a confirmation email once materials are submitted.
  - ✓ The deadline for receipt of all application materials is **November 15, 2020 for the 2020-21 cycle**. All materials must be submitted to [info@sparklesoflife.org](mailto:info@sparklesoflife.org) by the application deadline

### **Selection Process:**

The Sparkles' Garden of Life Selection Committee is comprised of medical professionals and fertility specialists who are dedicated and supportive of the Sparkles of Life mission. After the submission deadline, this selection committee will review applications and supporting materials to determine grant awardees based on their medical and financial need, as aligned with the Sparkles of Life mission and vision. Finalists may be asked to submit medical records to further verify their need for fertility treatment.

No later than **December 16, 2020**, Sparkles of Life, Inc. will inform all grant awardees of their selection with an email notification.



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Thank you for your interest in the Sparkles' Garden of Life Grant. Sparkles of Life, Inc. is honored to have you share your family building journey with us. At Sparkles, we understand the real pain that often darkens the delayed parenting path. It is unfortunate that we cannot award all who apply; however, Sparkles is available to provide emotional and spiritual support to any couple that is enduring a difficult journey to parenthood. Sparkles seeks to unite the hearts of couples who struggle to conceive and carry babies to full term. Together, we pray, praise, and celebrate life! If you have any questions during the application process, please email inquiries to **[info@sparklesoflife.org](mailto:info@sparklesoflife.org)**.

For more information about Sparkles of Life, Inc. or to join the movement, visit our website:  
<http://www.sparklesoflife.org>