

Coptic Orphans Child Sponsorship Terms and Conditions

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Welcome to the Coptic Orphans Child Sponsorship Program. Please read these Terms and Conditions carefully prior to agreeing to becoming a sponsor.

1 Definitions

The following are definitions to terms as used in these Terms and Conditions ("Agreement"), unless the context requires a different meaning:

- "Organization" means Coptic Orphans Support Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia, United States.
- "Sponsor" or "You" means any individual or entity participating in the Child Sponsorship Program.
- "Party" or "Parties" refers to the Organization or the Sponsor, or both collectively.
- "Child" or "Children" means a minor enrolled in the Coptic Orphans sponsorship program.
- "Program" means the Child Sponsorship Program administered by Coptic Orphans.
- "Contribution" means any financial donation made by the Sponsor.

2 Acknowledgment

This Agreement governs your participation in the Program, setting out the rights and obligations of all Sponsors. By initiating or continuing a sponsorship, you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by this Agreement. You further acknowledge and agree that you are bound by the terms set forth herein for sponsorships initiated by you on behalf of third-parties.

Your ability to participate as a Sponsor is conditioned on your acceptance and compliance with this Agreement. This Agreement applies to all participation through our website, mobile application, in response to campaigns or outreach by Coptic Orphans, or by any other channel.

3 Purpose of Sponsorship

Coptic Orphans is dedicated to supporting vulnerable children in Egypt. Through our Child Sponsorship Program, we connect individual Sponsors with children who are in need of financial and social support.

Sponsorship contributions are used to support program services for all Children and are not allocated exclusively to any individual Child.

Sponsorship is **symbolic** in nature and does not create any legal guardianship, custody, adoption, agency, partnership, or fiduciary relationships between the Sponsor and the Child. For the avoidance of doubt, Sponsors shall have not equal or equitable rights over any Child, nor any authority over programmatic decisions or the use of Contributions.

4 Payments & Donations

4.1 Recurring Contributions

By enrolling, Sponsors agree to a recurring monthly donation of at least USD 100, AUD 100, CAD 100, or GBP 80 per sponsored Child. Contributions are pooled into a general fund used to support *all* Children within the program, including those without sponsors, ensuring equity and sustainability in program delivery.

4.2 Additional Contributions

Sponsors may make one-time gifts. These gifts are delivered *directly* to the Child and are distinct from recurring sponsorship and one-time general donations to the organization.

4.3 Payment Methods

Payments are accepted via credit card and direct debit. Checks are *only* accepted for one-time donations.

Sponsors are not permitted to pay their monthly donations multiple months in advance.

4.4 Failed Payments

Coptic Orphans will notify Sponsors if their payments have been declined. Repeated failed payments may result in reassignment or termination of sponsorship.

4.5 Refund Policy

All donations are final and non-refundable except in cases of error, fraud, or duplicate transactions, as determined by Coptic Orphans on its sole discretion.

4.6 Tax Disclaimer

Coptic Orphans is a U.S. tax-exempt organization under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions may be tax-deductible to the extent permitted by applicable law. No goods or services are provided in exchange for donations.

5 Accounts & Data Privacy

Sponsors have access to an online account through the Organization's website or mobile application that allows them to update payment methods, send letters to their sponsored Child, make additional donations, request a Child visit, and manage their sponsorship.

Sponsor's personal data will be collected, stored, and processed in accordance with applicable laws, including U.S., EU, UK, Canadian, and Australian data protection laws and regulations along with our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Use](#).

By participating, Sponsors consent to the **collection, storage, and cross-border transfer** of their personal data.

6 Communication

6.1 With the Child

To protect the privacy, dignity, and safety of every Child, all communication between Sponsors and their sponsored Child must occur through official Coptic Orphans channels.

6.1.1 Permitted Communications

Letters and approved correspondence may be sent through the Coptic Orphans online portal, on the Organization's website or mobile application, or physical mail. Sponsored Children may send periodic correspondence to their Sponsors, and Sponsors may reply at any time through the approved Coptic Orphans channels.

6.1.2 Prohibited Communications

Direct communication between a Sponsor and a Child (or the Child's family or volunteer representative) through text messaging, email, phone, social media platforms, or any other medium is **strictly prohibited**.

6.2 With Coptic Orphans

Sponsors agree to receive emails, phone calls, or text messages from their assigned Donor Relations specialist, and to receive mailed updates and correspondence relating to their sponsorship.

7 Sponsor Visits

Visits are subject to approval by the Organization. All visits must be requested at least three (3) weeks in advance and will *always* be supervised. The first visit must occur in the child's home.

Sponsored children often live in remote areas of Egypt with limited access to healthcare, particularly emergency medical services. It is therefore the Visitor's responsibility to inform Coptic Orphans of any pre-existing medical conditions that may put the Visitor at an increased risk of harm or death during the visit or in case of an emergency.

Only the sponsor and immediate family members may participate in visits, such as a spouse, children, or siblings withing the same household. Sponsors and immediate family members are required to sign a Visitor Agreement prior to the visit and must adhere to all guidelines therein.

Coptic Orphans reserves the right to deny or cancel any visit at its sole discretion without explanation.

8 Child Protection

8.1 Child Privacy and Dignity

All Sponsors must comply with the Coptic Orphans Global Child Protection Policy. Violations may result in the immediate termination of sponsorship and legal action.

Sponsors are mandatory reporters and therefore must report any witnessed or suspected incidents of child abuse or misconduct, without delay, and within two (2) hours from the time of the incident.

Reports must be made either by emailing cp@copticorphans.org or, if on a site visit, by informing the most senior Coptic Orphans employee on site of no implication in the alleged abuse.

8.2 Media Use

Sponsors are strictly prohibited from posting, sharing, or distributing any photographs, videos, or personally identifiable information about the sponsored child. While Children may include photographs in their letters or progress reports, these materials may not be shared publicly.

Any photos, videos, or other media provided to Sponsors as part of their sponsorship are the property of Coptic Orphans or the individuals depicted therein and are shared with you for personal and private use only. These materials may not be altered, reproduced, published, or distributed without express written consent. Violations may result in the immediate termination of sponsorship.

9 Terrorism Financing and Sanctions Compliance

Coptic Orphans' Anti-Terrorism and Financing policy complies with all U.S. and international anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulations. By participating, you represent and warrant that:

1. You are not subject to sanctions by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the UN, the EU, or other applicable authorities.
2. You expressly consent to abide by Coptic Orphan's Anti-Terrorism and Financing Policy.
3. Contributions will not be used to finance terrorism, money laundering, or other unlawful activities.
4. Coptic Orphans may screen, restrict, or reject contribution at their discretion.
5. Any violation may result in immediate termination of sponsorship and reporting to authorities.
6. You certify that your contributions are made from your own lawful funds and comply with applicable anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering laws.

Coptic Orphans reserves the right to suspend or freeze any Contribution pending compliance review.

10 Termination and Modifications

Coptic Orphans may terminate sponsorship at any time, including for failed payments or policy violations. Sponsors may terminate at any time by written notice.

Coptic Orphans reserves the right to modify or amend these Terms and Conditions at any time. Sponsors will be notified of any material changes. Continued participation in the sponsorship program following notice constitutes acceptance of the modified terms.

Failure to actively correspond with your sponsored Child may result in a change of your sponsorship model at the discretion of Coptic Orphans.

11 Legal Indemnity and Enforcement

By participating in the sponsorship program, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless Coptic Orphans, its employees, agents, and affiliates from any legal claims arising from your conduct in violation of these Terms and Conditions or any applicable policies, including the Child Protection Policy.

Coptic Orphans reserves the right to initiate legal proceedings for policy violations, including suspected cases of fraud, misconduct, or involvement in activities contrary to U.S. or international laws, such as terrorism financing.

12 General Provisions

12.1 Entire Agreement

This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and merges all prior discussions between them.

12.2 Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is found invalid, the remaining provisions remain enforceable.

12.3 Waiver

Failure by Coptic Orphans to enforce any provision shall not constitute a waiver of its rights.

12.4 Assignment

Sponsors may not assign, transfer, charge, subcontract, or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without Coptic Orphan's prior approval. Coptic Orphans may assign or transfer this Agreement at its sole discretion.

12.5 Survival

Any provisions which by their nature should survive termination, including but not limited to Child Protection, Media Use, Indemnity, Limitation of Liability, and Governing Law, shall survive termination of this Agreement.

12.6 Force Majeure

Coptic Orphans shall not be liable for delays or failure to perform due to events beyond its control, including but not limited to natural disasters, political instability, or public health emergencies.

12.7 Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law:

- Coptic Orphans is not liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising from participation in the Program.
- Total liability shall not exceed the total contributions made by the Sponsor in the preceding twelve (12) months.

Nothing in this Agreement shall exclude or limit liability where such limitation is not permitted by applicable law.

12.8 Consent

By initiating sponsorship, you confirm that you are at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent to enter into this Agreement.

For questions regarding these Terms and Conditions or the Sponsorship Program, please contact your Donor Relations representative or email: info@copticorphans.org.

13 Governing Law & Dispute Resolution

13.1 Choice of Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, United States of America.

13.2 Good Faith Negotiations

In the event of any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Parties shall first attempt in good faith to resolve the matter through informal discussions. Either Party may initiate such discussions by providing written notice to the other Party describing the nature of the dispute.

13.3 Forum Selection

Disputes unresolved through negotiations may be brought before the state or federal courts located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

13.4 Acknowledgement

The Parties acknowledge and agree that it is reasonable and appropriate for disputes to be resolved in the Commonwealth of Virginia, United States, regardless of the domicile or place of incorporation of

either Party. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that judgments rendered by Virginia courts may be recognized:

1. In Australia pursuant to the Foreign Judgments Act 1991;
2. In Canada under common law and provincial statutes;
3. In the United Kingdom under common law and statutory regimes where applicable.

Both Parties agree to be bound by judgments so recognized and enforced.

13.5 Controlling Language.

This Agreement is executed in English. In the event of any translation inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.