

APPLICATION & HOME STUDY SERVICES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	CHILDREN'S HOME PROVIDES ALL SERVICES	CHILDREN'S HOME PROVIDES PLACEMENT SERVICES ONLY
<b>Application Part 1</b> Due with Application Part 1.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	FREE	FREE
<b>Application Part 2</b> Due with Application Part 2. Waived for families returning within 4 years of previous CH/LSS adoption service.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	\$500	\$350
<b>Pre-Adoption Education</b> Due with Application Part 2. Includes CH required Pre-Adoption Education Classes (PAC), Trauma-Informed Parenting Webinars and access to the <i>Creating a Family</i> training library.	Children's Home	Home Study	\$250/person	\$250/person Service Provider may require additional training
<b>Agency Fee 1</b> Due when Application Part 2 complete.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	\$5,200	\$5,200
<b>Home Study Assessment</b> Due prior to first visit. Fee reduced to \$1,900 for families returning within 4 years of previous CH/LSS home study service. If using a Service Provider other than Children's Home, fees and payment terms are determined by the individual Service Provider.	Children's Home or Service Provider	Home Study	\$2,900	\$1,500 - \$4,000 Varies by Service Provider
<b>Home Study Review Fee</b> Due prior to review of home study. Applies only to families using a Service Provider other than Children's Home to complete a home study. Includes review of initial home study plus one home study update. Additional update reviews \$150 per occurrence.	Children's Home	Home Study	N/A	\$500
<b>Home Study Update</b> Due before home study update begins (if needed, per update). If using a Service Provider other than Children's Home, fees and payment terms are determined by the individual Service Provider.	Children's Home or Service Provider	Home Study	\$900	\$500 - \$1,000 Varies by Service Provider

ADOPTION PROGRAM SERVICES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	CHILDREN'S HOME PROVIDES ALL SERVICES	CHILDREN'S HOME PROVIDES PLACEMENT SERVICES ONLY
<b>Colombia Fee 1</b> Due prior to dossier submission. Families seeking to adopt an identified child will pay \$1,000 of this fee prior to submission of Letter of Intent (LOI).	Children's Home	Foreign Program, U.S. Expenses, Translation/ Documents	\$8,750	\$8,750
<b>Agency Fee 2</b> Due upon acceptance of child referral.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	\$4,200	\$4,200
<b>Colombia Fee 2</b> Due upon acceptance of child referral. Includes Colombian attorney fee. Fee reduced to \$7,250 for Colombian Heritage Families submitting a dossier through Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar (ICBF).  <b>Additional Sibling Fees (per child):</b> \$1,000	Children's Home	Foreign Program, U.S. Expenses, Translation/ Documents, Care of the Child	\$8,750  Please ask for our Kidsave Colombia fee schedule if pursuing the adoption of a child hosted through the Kidsave Program.	\$8,750  Please ask for our Kidsave Colombia fee schedule if pursuing the adoption of a child hosted through the Kidsave Program.

All services of ICBF are free of charge.

**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:**

Home visits in excess of 160 miles roundtrip are subject to an additional billing per current GSA per diem rates ([gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates](https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates)) (maximum \$200 fee per visit). These fees are non-refundable once visit has occurred.

**SERVICES NOT PROVIDED BY CHILDREN'S HOME:** Fees and payment terms for services not provided by Children's Home are determined by the individual Service Provider. An estimate of the usual costs associated with these services is provided here. Please confirm specific rates with your Service Provider.

POST ADOPTION REPORTING SERVICES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	CHILDREN'S HOME PROVIDES ALL SERVICES	CHILDREN'S HOME PROVIDES PLACEMENT SERVICES ONLY
<b>Post Adoption Deposit</b> Due upon acceptance of child referral. Refundable upon completion of the country's reporting requirements and submission of proof of U.S. citizenship and re-adoption/finalization in state of residence.	Children's Home	Post-Placement/ Post-Adoption Reports	\$1,000 refundable	\$1,000 refundable
<b>Post Adoption Supervision</b> Due upon acceptance of child referral. Supervision of placement plus review, management and submission of reports to country of origin.	Children's Home	Post-Placement/ Post-Adoption Reports	\$1,500 Includes up to 3 visits/reports	\$500
<b>Additional Post Adoption Visits/Reports</b> Due upon acceptance of child referral. Colombia requires a total of 4 visits/reports (or 6 visits/reports if child is 8+ years).  -- MN residents must complete 2 additional visits/reports to meet agency, state and/or country requirements (or 4 additional visits/reports if child is 8+ years)  -- If using a Service Provider other than Children's Home to provide post adoption visits/reports, these fees are determined by that Service Provider. Payment to that Service Provider is required upon acceptance of child referral. Additional visits/reports may be required to meet agency, state and/or country requirements.	Children's Home or Service Provider	Post-Placement/ Post-Adoption Reports	\$350 per visit/report	\$350 - \$500 per visit/report Varies by Service Provider

ESTIMATED THIRD PARTY FEES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	ESTIMATED COST
State Background Check(s)	Varies	Third Party	varies by state
Psychological Evaluation	Licensed Psychologist	Third Party	\$250 - 2,000
Adoption Education Classes	Education Provider	Third Party	\$125 - 300
Document Preparation Fee	Varies	Third Party	\$400 - 1,000
USCIS Petition (I-800A)	USCIS	Third Party	\$920 - 1,375
Pre-Adoption Medical Review of Child Information	Physician/Therapists	Third Party	\$250 - 1,000
Colombian child medical testing (per child)	Orphanage / IAPA / other	Third Party	\$700 - 1,000
Child's Visa, Visa Medical Exam & Passport Fees	U.S. Embassy/Panel Physician/Passport Agency	Third Party	\$700 - 1,000
Airfare, Lodging, Meals & Transportation	Varies	Third Party - Travel	\$4,250 - 9,500
Re-Adoption/Finalization	Attorney/State/County Government	Third Party	varies by state

ESTIMATED TOTALS AT-A-GLANCE	
Home Study Related Fees	\$2,400 - 6,500
U.S. Expenses	\$13,750 - 13,900
Foreign Country Program Expenses	\$8,400
Care of the Child	\$700
Translation and Documents	\$3,900 - 4,400
Contributions	0
Post-Adoption Reports	\$2,200 - 4,850
Third Party Fees - General	\$3,495 - 8,175
Third Party Fees – Travel	\$4,250 - 9,500
Travel & Accommodations (paid to CH)	0

**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$38,395 - 56,425**  
 Airfare, lodging, meals, transportation costs and other fees associated with travel can vary greatly depending on current airfare rates, family size, length of stay, lodging preferences, and seasonality.

Estimated totals are based on the adoption of 1 child and fees for 2 adoptive parents.

**MAKING ADOPTION AFFORDABLE:** We encourage you to explore the many resources available to help make adoption affordable! Visit our website to learn more about these options and the Adoption Tax Credit at: [chlss.org/finance](https://chlss.org/finance).

**PAYMENT OF FEES:** Payment of fees for services rendered does not guarantee the placement of a child. All fees, timelines and program requirements are subject to change. All fees are billed at the rate that is current at the time of billing. Children's Home may increase fees if adoption expenses in the foreign country increase substantially after time of application. Fee increases in excess of \$1,000 will be made in writing. Program changes may be subject to additional fees. Payment is due in full according to stated timelines. Late payments may result in the delay or cancellation of services. Fees not paid within 90 days of invoice date may incur a 2.5% late fee and referral for collection.

• **Payment by Check**

Cash, money orders or personal checks are always welcome. Please make checks payable to Children's Home Society of Minnesota.

• **Payment by Credit Card or Electronic Bank Transfer**

Credit cards or electronic bank transfers may be used to pay for all adoption fees. Please note we do not accept American Express. To make a payment with credit card or electronic bank transfer, please visit our payment portal at <https://bit.ly/3v1RXIC>.

**FEE REDUCTIONS, WAIVERS & REFUNDS:** All fees are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. Children's Home may reduce, waive or refund fees when: 1) deemed by Children's Home to be in the best interest of the child; 2) requested by clients due to hardship; or 3) when paid for services which were not completed. All refunds will be processed within sixty (60) days of the completion of the delivery of services.

**By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received and read all of the fee information included in this Cost Estimate Disclosure.**

**APPLICANT 1** Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT 2** Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

**Hague regulations require the disclosure and description of the fee categories provided above.**

**Home study.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for home study preparation and approval, whether the home study is to be prepared directly by the agency or person itself, or prepared by a supervised provider, exempted provider, or approved person and approved as required under §96.47;

**Adoption expenses in the United States.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for all adoption services other than the home study that will be provided in the United States. This category includes, but is not limited to, personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education, communications and publications costs, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the United States;

**Foreign country program expenses.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for all adoption services that will be provided in the child's country of origin. This category includes, but is not limited to, costs for personnel, administrative overhead, training, education, legal services, and communications, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the child's country;

**Care of the child.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses charged to prospective adoptive parent(s) for the care of the child in the country of origin prior to adoption, including, but not limited to, costs for food, clothing, shelter and medical care; foster care services; orphanage care; and any other services provided directly to the child;

**Translation and document expenses.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for obtaining any necessary documents and for any translation of documents related to the adoption, along with information on whether the prospective adoptive parent(s) will be expected to pay such costs directly or to

third parties, either in the United States or in the child's country of origin, or through the agency or person. This category includes, but is not limited to, costs for obtaining, translating, or copying records or documents required to complete the adoption, costs for the child's court documents, passport, adoption certificate and other documents related to the adoption, and costs for notarizations and certifications;

**Contributions.** Any fixed contribution amount or percentage that the prospective adoptive parent(s) will be expected or required to make to child protection or child welfare service programs in the child's country of origin country or in the United States, along with an explanation of the intended use of the contribution and the manner in which the transaction will be recorded and accounted for; and

**Post-placement and post-adoption reports.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for any post-placement or post-adoption reports that the agency or person or parent(s) must prepare in light of any requirements of the expected country of origin.

**Third party fees.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for services that the prospective adoptive parent(s) will be responsible to pay directly to a third party. Such third party fees include, but are not limited to, fees to competent authorities for services rendered or Central Authority processing fees; and

**Travel and accommodation expenses.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for any travel, transportation, and accommodation services arranged by the agency or person for the prospective adoptive parent(s).