

ADOPT FROM COLOMBIA



The Children

Children up to age 15 are eligible for adoption from Colombia. Children may have been abandoned, relinquished, or their parents' rights were terminated due to abuse or neglect. They are cared for in orphanages, foster care and private adoption homes that are supervised by the country's central adoption authority, the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF). Families are especially needed for children over 8, sibling groups with at least one child age 8 or older, sibling groups of 3 or more children, and children of all ages with identified needs which vary from minor/correctable to lifelong. Families of Colombian Heritage are eligible to adopt children with no identified needs. Children's Home and LSS are Hague accredited and licensed to place children from Colombia.

Traditional Track

Families submit a dossier and wait to be matched to a child by the country's central authority or private adoption home.

Heritage Track

At least one parent must have a Colombian birth certificate, passport, and ID card (cedula).

Waiting Child Track

Families match to a child for whom CH/LSS is advocating. View waiting children profiles at: chlss.org/waiting.

Program Details

Note: there may be flexibility when adopting through the Waiting Child Track.

- Parents must be age 25-55 at time of child referral. See website for details: chlss.org/colombia
- If married, parents must be married at least two years.
- Singles are eligible to adopt older children or children with identified needs.
- Gay and lesbian individuals and couples are welcome to apply.
- Parents cannot have serious physical or mental health concerns.
- The wait for referral of a child is 6-12 months in the Traditional Track or 6-18 months in the Heritage track. Families identifying a child through the Waiting Child Track can match upon home study approval. Timelines are subject to change.
- Families travel approximately 5-9 weeks after referral acceptance.
- One trip to Colombia for 3-8 weeks is required. Trip length varies based on where the child resides. One parent may return to the U.S. after approximately two weeks.
- Colombia is a Hague country.



Get Started!

Speak to our staff about your program options: [800.952.9302](tel:800.952.9302) or welcome@chlss.org.

Attend a free information meeting online or in-person: chlss.org/events.

Determine your eligibility for free: chlss.org/getstarted.

Fee Schedule: Colombia Adoption Program

effective 9/24/2018

AGENCY FEES	PAYMENT TERMS	FULL SERVICE MN/WI	FULL SERVICE MD/VA	COOPERATING AGENCY
APPLICATION	Due with completed application; waived for re-applicants*	\$500*	\$500	\$350*
MONITORING & OVERSIGHT Required by the U.S. Accrediting Entity, per child	Due with completed application; if adopting siblings, additional fees (per child) due upon acceptance of child referral	\$500	\$500	\$500
HOME STUDY ASSESSMENT				
Pre-adoption Education (PAC) & Hague Training	Due prior to attendance	per person \$250	per person \$250 per couple \$325	_____
Home Study	Due prior to start of home study	\$2,500	\$2,000-4,400	_____
Home Study - Re-applicants*	Due prior to start of home study	\$1,500		_____
Home Study Review	Due upon submission of home study	n/a	n/a	\$500
Home Study Review - Re-applicants*	Due upon submission of home study	n/a	n/a	\$350
Required Home Study Update (if applicable) (Required annually or more frequently if changing programs or major life events occur)	Due prior to start of each home study update	\$800	\$500	_____
PROGRAM COORDINATION				
Program development and support, country orientation, and services provided in the U.S.	Part 1 - Due upon completion of home study	\$3,950	\$2,600	\$3,950
	Part 2 - Due upon acceptance of child referral; plus \$2,000 Agency Sibling Fee (per family), if adopting siblings	\$3,000 ◊	\$2,400 ◊	\$3,000 ◊
POST PLACEMENT SUPERVISION Supervision of child placement, reports and finalization process in state of residence	Due upon acceptance of child referral (includes up to 3 visits/reports)	\$1,500	\$1,500 VA only: \$400 for VA court reports	\$500
ADD'L POST PLACEMENT VISITS/REPORTS Additional visits to complete reports when necessary to meet state and country requirements	Due upon acceptance of child referral Covers supplemental visit/reports as required (\$350 per visit/report; MN/WI: 1 report, MD/VA: 2 reports)	\$350	\$700 Δ	_____
POST PLACEMENT REPORT DEPOSIT Refundable deposit to ensure compliance with the reporting of the child's birth country	Due upon acceptance of child referral; refundable upon completion of country's reporting requirements and submission of proof of U.S. citizenship and finalization in state of residence	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL AGENCY FEES (based on first-time adoption and education fees for two people)		\$13,800	\$11,525	\$ _____

* Re-applicant fees apply to families returning within four years of previous placement through Children's Home Society of Minnesota or Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

◊ Program Coordination Fee includes one country program change within four years of signed Fee Agreement. All other program changes are subject to additional fees.

Δ Please contact us for additional fees applied to trips more than 120 miles in distance.

COLOMBIA COUNTRY PROGRAM FEES	PAYMENT TERMS	FEE
These fees are determined by current country conditions and are subject to change. You will be billed for the fee that is current when services are provided. All country program fee increases in excess of \$1,000 will be communicated in writing. Country fees are non-refundable once submitted.		
Country Program Expenses in U.S. - Includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education, communication and publications costs, and other costs related to providing adoption services in the U.S. (\$2,000; \$4,000 if child participated in Kidsave)	TRADITIONAL TRACK	
Foreign Program Expenses - Includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, training, education, legal services, communications, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the child's country. The services provided by ICBF are free of charge. (\$4,000)	Payment 1 - Due upon dossier submission	\$7,000
	Payment 2 - Due upon acceptance of child referral	\$5,000
	WAITING CHILD TRACK	
Care of the Child - Includes costs for food, clothing, shelter and medical care; foster care services, orphanage care; and any other services provided directly to the child(ren). (\$2,000)	Payment 1 - Due with submission of Letter of Intent	\$1,000
	Payment 2 - Due upon dossier submission	\$6,000
	Payment 3 - Due upon acceptance of child referral	\$5,000
Translation and Documents - Includes the costs for obtaining, translating, or copying records or documents required to complete the adoption, costs for the child's Convention court documents, adoption certificate and other documents related to the adoption. (\$4,000)	HERITAGE TRACK	
	Payment 1 - Due upon dossier submission	\$7,000
	Payment 2 - Due upon acceptance of child referral	\$2,000
	IF CHILD PARTICIPATED IN KIDSAVE	
	Payment 1 - Due with submission of Letter of Intent	\$1,000
	Payment 2 - Due upon dossier submission	\$6,000
	Payment 3 - Due upon acceptance of child referral	\$7,000
TOTAL COUNTRY FEES		\$9,000-14,000

ESTIMATED THIRD PARTY FEES	ITEM	FEE	ITEM	FEE
Includes fees paid directly to third party providers at the time services are rendered. Fees are subject to change.	State Background Check	varies by state	Colombian Visitor's Visa	\$305/person
	USCIS Petition (I-800A)	\$775	Child's Colombian Passport	\$105
Travel expenses can vary greatly depending on current airfare rates, family size, length of stay, lodging preferences, and/or availability, and seasonality.	USCIS Biometrics	\$85/person	Interpreter Fee (outside of Bogotá)	\$400-900
	Psychological Evaluation	\$500-2,000	Colombian Attorney Fees	\$2,800-3,500
	Document Preparation Fee	\$400-800	Airfare (per person over age 2)	\$1,500
	Prof. Review of Child Referral	\$400-800	Lodging	\$3,000-6,000
	U.S. Passport	\$110/adult	In-country transportation	\$300-500
	Child's U.S. Visa and related fees	\$460	Re-adoption/Finalization	varies by state
	Child's U.S. Visa Medical Exam	\$70		

This is a good faith estimate of charges deemed reliable as of September 24, 2018. The 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 non-refundable. Agency fees will be honored at the rate that is current when the Fee Agreement is received by Children's Home Society of Minnesota and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (CH/LSS). CH/LSS may reduce, waive or refund fees when 1) deemed by CH/LSS to be in the best interest of the child; 2) requested by clients due to hardship; 3) when paid for services were not completed.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: Credit cards may be used for all adoption fees, but a processing fee of 2.75-3.5% will be charged based on the credit card used.