

APPLICATION & HOME STUDY SERVICES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	HOME STUDY & PRIMARY PROVIDER	PRIMARY PROVIDER ONLY
Application Part 1 Due with completed Application Part 1.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	FREE	FREE
Application Part 2 Due with completed Application Part 2. Waived for families returning within 4 years of previous CH/LSS adoption service.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	\$500	\$350
Pre-Adoption Education Due with completed Application Part 2.	Children's Home	Home Study	\$250/person	* Fee determined by and paid to Home Study Agency
Agency Fee 1 Due with completed Application Part 2.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	\$5,200	\$5,200
Home Study Due prior to start of home study. Fee reduced to \$1,900 for families returning within 4 years of previous CH/LSS home study service.	Children's Home	Home Study	\$2,900	* Fee determined by and paid to Home Study Agency
Home Study Review Fee Due prior to review of home study. Applies only to families using a separate home study agency.	Children's Home	Home Study	N/A	\$500
Home Study Update (if needed, per update) Due prior to start of home study update.	Children's Home	Home Study	\$900	* Fee determined by and paid to Home Study Agency

ADOPTION PROGRAM SERVICES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	HOME STUDY & PRIMARY PROVIDER	PRIMARY PROVIDER ONLY
Ecuador Fee 1 Due prior to dossier submission. Includes costs related to country program support and providing service in Ecuador.	Children's Home	Foreign Program, U.S. Expenses, Translations/ Documents	\$8,750	\$8,750
Agency Fee 2 Due upon acceptance of child referral.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	\$4,200	\$4,200
Ecuador Fee 2 Due upon acceptance of child referral. Includes costs related to country program support and providing service in Ecuador. Additional Sibling Fees (per child): \$2,500	Children's Home	Foreign Program, U.S. Expenses, Translations/ Documents	\$8,750	\$8,750
Post Adoption Deposit 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
Post Adoption Supervision Due upon acceptance of child referral. Includes up to 3 visits/reports, supervision of placement, and review, management and submission of reports to country of origin.	Children's Home	Post-Placement/ Post-Adoption Reports	\$1,500	\$500 * Fees for Visits/reports determined by and paid to Home Study Agency
Additional Post Adoption Visits/Reports Due upon acceptance of child referral. Supplemental visits/reports to meet agency, state and/or country requirements. -- MN & WI require 2 additional visits/reports -- MD & VA require 3 additional visits/reports -- VA court report \$400 plus \$250 each sibling adopted at same time	Children's Home	Post-Placement/ Post-Adoption Reports	* \$350 per visit/report	* Fees for Visits/reports determined by and paid to Home Study Agency

CHILDREN'S HOME AGENCY FEES: Agency fees reflect a portion of the general overhead costs of personnel, administrative and operational expenses, state/federal/international licensing and accreditation and the work completed in the U.S. on your behalf. Services include program administration, case management and support, immigration processing assistance, dossier preparation and submission, coordination with foreign partners and central authorities, country-specific education, presentation of child referral, travel preparation and support.

* **HOME STUDY AGENCY FEES:** Families who are obtaining home study and/or post-placement/post-adoption services through an agency other than Children's Home will be subject to fees determined by and paid to that separate agency, whose fees may vary from amounts shown.

MD & VA RESIDENTS please contact us for fees applied to all trips more than 120 miles round trip in distance from our offices (U.S. Expenses).

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	\$500 - 2,000
Document Preparation Fee	Varies	Third Party	\$400 - 1,000
USCIS Petition (I-800A)	USCIS	Third Party	\$775
USCIS Biometrics/Fingerprinting (per person)	USCIS	Third Party	\$85
Pre-Adoption Medical Review of Child Information	Physician/Therapists	Third Party	\$400 - 800
Child's Visa, Visa Medical Exam & Passport Fees	U.S. Embassy/Panel Physician/Passport Agency	Third Party	\$600 - 700
Airfare, Lodging, Meals & Transportation ¹	Varies	Third Party - Travel	\$4,500 - 11,000
Re-Adoption/Finalization	Attorney/State/County Government	Third Party	varies by state

¹ Court may require Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) to appear for hearing resulting in two trips or one longer trip with extended lodging expenses.

ESTIMATED TOTALS AT-A-GLANCE	
Home Study Related Fees	\$3,400 - 4,800
U.S. Expenses	\$11,525
Foreign Country Program Expenses	\$10,250
Care of the Child	\$0
Translation and Documents	\$4,125
Contributions	0
Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Reports	\$2,200 - 4,350
Third Party Fees - General	\$2,845 - 5,795
Third Party Fees – Travel	\$4,500 - 10,000
Travel & Accommodations (paid to CH)	0

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$35,845 - 42,345
(not including airfare, lodging, meals, transportation costs and other fees associated with travel, which can vary greatly depending on current airfare rates, family size, length of stay, lodging preferences, and seasonality).

Estimated totals (left) are based on adoption of 1 child and fees for 2 adoptive parents using Children's Home's Home Study & Primary Provider services. Fees for those using separate home study agencies may vary.

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.

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. Agency fees will be honored at the rate current when the signed Fee Agreement is received by Children's Home. Country program fees will be billed at the rate in effect at the time the fee is due. 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 after the request has been approved and the signed agreement has been returned to the agency.