| Country       | Age (at referral) | Age (at application to CH/LS unless otherwise noted) | Age difference between parent(s) and child | LGBTQ individuals and couples | Marriage: Minimum length | Marriage: Maximum diversa | Choosing gender | Current family size | Health requirements | Financial requirements | Background requirements | Other requirements | Estimated wait for referral | Estimated wait for travel (after referral acceptance) | Travel requirements: number of trips | Travel requirements: length of trips | Travel requirements: who travels | Country program fee |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| China        | 7 months - 13 years | Minimum age is 30.                               | Parents must be at least 15 years and no more than 45 years older than the child they wish to adopt. | No                               | Married a minimum of 2 years with no divorce history or 1 divorce. Married couples with 2 or more divorces must be married 5 years. Time spent co-habiting prior to marriage may be included. | No more than 2 divorcées on either side | Allowed         | No more than 5 children living in home | No serious health issues; please inquire and see china.org/china. | Minimum income: $30,000 + $10,000 per child living in home. Couples: Minimum net worth of $80,000. Singles: Minimum net worth of $100,000. | No restrictions | None | Up to 24 months from sending dossier to China. Dependents on openness to identified needs | 4-6 months from referral acceptance | 1 trip | 2 weeks on average | At least one parent must travel. | $6,900-$7,250 |
| Colombia     | 3 months - 13 years | 25-55: Age of child to be adopted is determined by parents’ ages at child referral. See chlsa.org/colombia for details. | Youngest parent must be at least 14 years but no more than 45 years older than the child they wish to adopt. | Yes - single women.                  | 2 years. If co-habiting but not married, please inquire. | Not specified | Not allowed       | No restriction         | No serious physical or mental health issues, please inquire. | No additional requirements | No restrictions | None | Up to 24 months from sending dossier to China. Dependents on openness to identified needs | 4-6 months from referral acceptance | 1 trip | Approximately 3-5 weeks | If married, both parents must travel; one parent must remain in country for entire trip. | $12,000-$14,000 |
| Ecuador      | 2 - 15 years       | 25-51                                             | No less than 25-year age difference between parent and child | Yes                               | 3 years                          | Not specified | No allowed        | No restriction         | No serious health issues; please inquire or submit Application Part 1 about specific situations. | No additional requirements | No criminal history allowed | None | None | 6-18 months from dossier approval varies by case | 5-9 weeks | 1 trip | Minimum 8-10 weeks | If married, both parents must travel; one parent must remain in country for entire trip. | $14,000 |
| India        | 6 months - 14 years | Married couples: 25-55. Singles: 25-54. Age of child to be adopted determined by single parent’s age or married couple’s combined ages at time of CARA registration. See chlsa/india for details. | No less than 25-year age difference between parent and child | Yes - single women.                  | 2 years                          | Not specified | Allowed          | No restriction         | No serious, chronic, or life-threatening health issues; must be physically, mentally and emotionally stable, please inquire. | Must be able to demonstrate financial security and stability. | Medical and criminal history considered case-by-case | None | None | 3-12 months after USCIS I-800A approval and CARA. | 4-6 months from referral acceptance | 1 trip | Minimum 8-10 weeks | One parent must travel in most states; a few states require both parents travel. | $10,500 |
| South Korea  | 12 - 16 months     | General guidelines: 25-44 at home study approval. There is an age exception, allowing applicants to be 25-47 at home study approval if: 1) applicants have previously adopted from Korea; or 2) at least one parent is of Korean heritage. | No more than 50-year age difference between younger parent and child. | No                               | Not allowed | No more than 4 children currently in home | Allowed         | No more than 3 children currently in the home | No serious physical or mental health issues, including weight restrictions. Medical history considered case-by-case; please inquire. | Minimum income of $35,000 + $10,000 per child in home | Medical and criminal history considered case-by-case | None | None | 1-4 months from dossier submission to Korea. Dependents on openness to identified needs | 1-4 months from dossier submission to Korea. | 1 trip | 2-3 months after the first | Both parents must travel for both trips. | $24,800 if adopting a Waiting Child |

**International Adoption Chart**

Programs may have additional flexibility in requirements, depending on your individual circumstances. Criteria and fees are subject to change. Please call 651.646.7771 (toll-free 800.952.9302) or email welcome@chlss.org to inquire.

In addition to the below country programs, we also help families adopt relative children from Honduras.

| Children's Home Society of Minnesota | 10/1/2019 |

- **Age at referral:**
  - China: 7 months - 13 years
  - Colombia: 3 months - 13 years
  - Ecuador: 2 - 15 years
  - India: 6 months - 14 years
  - South Korea: 12 - 16 months

- **Age at application to CH/LS unless otherwise noted:**
  - China: Minimum age is 30.
  - Colombia: 25-55: Age of child to be adopted is determined by parents’ ages at child referral. See chlsa.org/colombia for details.
  - Ecuador: 25-51
  - India: Married couples: 25-55. Singles: 25-54. Age of child to be adopted determined by single parent’s age or married couple’s combined ages at time of CARA registration. See chlsa/india for details.
  - South Korea: General guidelines: 25-44 at home study approval. There is an age exception, allowing applicants to be 25-47 at home study approval if: 1) applicants have previously adopted from Korea; or 2) at least one parent is of Korean heritage.

- **Age difference between parent(s) and child:**
  - For married couples, no more than a 50-year age difference between younger parent and child, for single women, no more than a 50-year age difference between parent and child.
  - Parents must be at least 15 years and no more than 45 years older than the child they wish to adopt.
  - Youngest parent must be at least 14 years but no more than 45 years older than the child to be adopted.
  - No less than 25-year age difference between parent and child.

- **LGBTQ individuals and couples:**
  - China: No
  - Colombia: Yes - single women.
  - Ecuador: Yes - single women are eligible to adopt older children or children with identified needs; single men can adopt boys only.

- **Marriage:**
  - Minimum length:
    - China: Married a minimum of 2 years with no divorce history or 1 divorce. Married couples with 2 or more divorces must be married 5 years. Time spent co-habiting prior to marriage may be included.
    - India: Married a minimum of 2 years with no divorce history or 1 divorce. Married couples with 2 or more divorces must be married 5 years. Time spent co-habiting prior to marriage may be included.
  - Maximum length:
    - China: 2 years. If co-habiting but not married, please inquire.
    - India: 3 years

- **Medical history:**
  - India: If NRI or OCI card holders, please inquire.

- **Financial requirements:**

- **Background requirements:**
  - India: Medical and criminal history considered case-by-case.

- **Estimated wait for referral:**
  - China: Up to 24 months from sending dossier to China. Dependents on openness to identified needs.
  - Colombia: 6-18 months from dossier approval.
  - Ecuador: Varies by case.
  - India: 3-12 months after USCIS I-800A approval and CARA. | 10/1/2019

- **Estimated wait for travel (after referral acceptance):**
  - China: 4-6 months from sending dossier to China.
  - Colombia: 5-9 weeks.
  - Ecuador: Varies by case.
  - India: 7-11 months after referral acceptance dossier is sent to India.
  - South Korea: First trip is 8-11 months after completion of referral acceptance dossier. Second trip is 2-3 months after the first.

- **Travel requirements: number of trips:**
  - China: 1 trip
  - Colombia: 1 trip
  - Ecuador: 1 trip
  - India: 1 trip (2 trips in select regions).
  - South Korea: Each trip is approximately 5-6 days in length.

- **Travel requirements: length of trips:**
  - China: Minimum 8-10 weeks
  - Colombia: Minimum 8-10 weeks
  - Ecuador: 2-3 months (minimum stay 10 days in country); varies by state in which child resides and child's age.
  - India: 2-3 months (minimum stay 10 days in country); varies by state in which child resides and child’s age.
  - South Korea: Each trip is approximately 5-6 days in length.

- **Travel requirements: who travels:**
  - China: At least one parent must travel.
  - Colombia: If married, both parents must travel; one parent must remain in country for entire trip.
  - Ecuador: If married, both parents must travel; one parent must remain in country for entire trip; one parent can return home after about 4 weeks.
  - India: One parent must travel in most states; a few states require both parents travel.
  - South Korea: Both parents must travel for both trips.

- **Country program fee:**
  - China: $6,900-$7,250
  - Colombia: $12,000-$14,000
  - Ecuador: $14,000
  - India: $10,500
  - South Korea: $24,800 if adopting a Waiting Child.