

Adopt from

SOUTH KOREA

Children eligible for adoption from Korea are generally 10 months to 2 years old at the time of referral. Children are legally relinquished by their birth parents and are cared for in foster homes until their adoptions are completed. The foster homes usually provide a one-on-one environment, allowing the foster mothers to provide care, attachment and protection while children wait for adoptive families. The children may have been prenatally exposed to alcohol, born prematurely and/or exhibit developmental delays. The greatest need is for families open to parenting boys with minor/correctable to lifelong needs. Children's Home is Hague accredited.

We're advocating for children waiting in South Korea now. Learn about them at chlss.org/waiting.

Eligible Families

Find additional eligibility requirements at chlss.org/southkorea.

- Heterosexual couples married at least three years are eligible to adopt.
- Parents cannot have serious physical or mental health concerns, or criminal history.
- No more than four children already residing in home.
- Parents must be 25-44 years of age at time of home study approval.
- Parents with Korean heritage or families who have previously adopted from Korea can be 25-49 years of age at home study approval.

Timelines

- Wait for referral is 1-4 months.
- Travel occurs 8-12 months after completion of acceptance dossier.
- Two trips of approximately 5-6 days each are required.

Get Started!

Speak to an Adoption Guide: **800.952.9302** or welcome@chlss.org.

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

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



Fee Schedule: South Korea Adoption Program

effective 3/21/2019

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 issuance of Korean Emigration Permission; 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 issuance of Korean Emigration Permission (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 issuance of Korean Emigration Permission Covers 1 supplemental visit/report as required	\$350	\$350Δ	_____
POST PLACEMENT REPORT DEPOSIT Refundable deposit to ensure compliance with the reporting of the child's birth country	Due upon issuance of Korean Emigration Permission; 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	\$11,175	\$ _____

* 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.

SOUTH KOREA 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.	Payment 1 - Due with submission of Acceptance Paperwork	\$19,500
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. (\$4,500)	Payment 2 - Due upon issuance of Korean Emigration Permission	\$7,000
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. (\$500)	IF ADOPTING WAITING IDENTIFIED CHILD	
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). (\$19,500)	Payment 1 - Due with submission of Letter of Intent	\$1,000
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. (\$2,000)	Payment 2 - Due with submission of Acceptance Paperwork	\$18,500
	Payment 3 - Due upon issuance of Korean Emigration Permission	\$5,300
	Visit chlss.org/finance to discover resources to help make adoption affordable.	
TOTAL COUNTRY FEES		\$24,800-26,500

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	U.S. Passport	\$110/adult
	USCIS Petition (I-600A)	\$775	Airfare (per person over age 2)	\$1,700
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	Lodging (per trip)	\$600-1,500
	Psychological Evaluation	\$500-2,000	In-country transportation	\$200-300
	Document Preparation Fee	\$400-800	Re-adoption/Finalization	varies by state
	Prof. Review of Child Referral	\$400-800		

This is a good faith estimate of charges deemed reliable as of March 21, 2019. 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.