

Adopt from

ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Part of our Eastern Caribbean Program

**This flyer is for families adopting a child who is a Ward of the State in SVG.*

Children's Home has recently opened a program with St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG). Identified children, both relative and non-relative, may be adopted. Or, you may choose to be matched to a child who is a Ward of the State. Children who are Wards of the State and eligible for adoption are generally infant to eight years of age and may have identified needs. Contact us to learn more about Procedural Consultation Services for identified/relative children from SVG. Children's Home is Hague Accredited.

Eligible Families

Find additional eligibility requirements at chlss.org/svg

Note: each adoption from SVG will be reviewed and recommended to proceed by the SVG Adoption Committee.

- Parents must be at least 25-50 years old, age 50+ considered on case-by-case basis
- Open to heterosexual couples and single women
- There is no country marriage requirement
- At least one parent must be a U.S. citizen
- Families need to be open to a child at least 0-4 years old at time of referral

Timelines

- Two trips to SVG are typically required
- Adoptions of relatives, identified children or children who are Wards of the State are possible
- The wait for referral of a child who is not a relative or identified is up to 3 years

Get Started!

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

Find a free online information meeting: chlss.org/events

Complete the free Application Part 1: chlss.org/getstarted

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Fee Schedule: St. Vincent & the Grenadines

effective 9/15/2020

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 home study approval; Part 2 - Due upon dossier submission (plus \$2,000 Agency Sibling Fee, if adopting siblings)	\$3,950 [◇] \$3,500	\$2,700 [◇] \$2,600	\$3,950 [◇] \$3,500
POST PLACEMENT SUPERVISION Supervision of child placement, reports and finalization process in state of residence	Due upon court finalization in country and prior to final travel (for full service: 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 court finalization in country and prior to final travel, if applicable. Covers supplemental visits/reports as required (\$350 per visit/report)	\$350	\$350 [△]	_____
POST PLACEMENT REPORT DEPOSIT Refundable deposit to ensure compliance with the reporting of the child's birth country	Due upon court finalization in country and prior to final travel; 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)	\$13,950	\$11,125	\$ _____

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

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

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

ST. VINCENT-GRENADINES 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 fee increases in excess of \$1,000 will be communicated in writing. All fees are non-refundable once submitted.	Payment 1 - Due upon home study approval	\$5,000
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 services in the U.S. (\$1,225)	Payment 2 - Due upon preliminary acceptance of child referral	\$5,000
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. (\$13,275)	Payment 3 - Due upon issuance of Final Adoption Order/Interim Order (prior to final trip)	\$5,000
Care of the Child - Includes costs for food, clothing, shelter and medical care, first month foster care services, and any other services provided directly to the child(ren). (\$500)	Payment 4 - Due prior to final trip*	varies
If adopting siblings, a \$3,250 sibling legal fee is required, along with additional expenses for medical testing and child passport. Total additional fees may vary depending on situation.	* Families are responsible for private foster care expenses (\$500/month) from the time a child enters care until parents take physical custody. First month of care is include in fees above. Balance due prior to final trip. Number of months in care varies by case.	
	Visit chls.org/finance to discover resources to help make adoption affordable.	
TOTAL COUNTRY FEES	(not including private foster care)	\$15,000

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. Travel expenses can vary greatly depending on current airfare rates, family size, length of stay, lodging preferences, and/or availability, and seasonality.	State Background Check	varies by state	Child's Vincentian Passport	\$30
	USCIS Petition (I-800A)	\$775	(up to age 15; passport for one child included in legal fees above)	
	USCIS Biometrics	\$85/person	Airfare, Lodging and In-country Transportation (varies depending on number of trips, lodging requirements, and mode of in-country transportation)	\$1,000-\$4,000
	Document Preparation Fee	\$400-\$800	Re-adoption/Finalization	varies by state
	Professional Review of Child Referral	\$400-\$800		
	U.S. Passport Review of Child Referral	\$110/adult		
	Child's U.S. Visa	\$325		
	Child's U.S. Visa Medical Exam	\$200-\$300		

This is a good faith estimate of charges deemed reliable as of September 15, 2020. 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 (Children's Home). 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; 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.