

Adopt from **COLOMBIA**

Children's Home has been advocating for children in Colombia for more than 40 years. Children of all ages need families, especially children over the age of 7, those in sibling groups, and those living with identified needs ranging from minor/correctable to lifelong. They may have been abandoned, relinquished, or their parents' rights were terminated due to abuse or neglect. Children are cared for in government-run orphanages, foster homes and private adoption homes that are supervised by the country's central adoption authority, the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF). ICBF determines the children's eligibility for adoption. Children are generally between the ages of 6 months to 15 years at the time of referral. Children's Home is Hague accredited.

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

Eligible Families

- Parents must be age 25-55 at time of child referral. They must be at least 15 years and no more than 45 years older than the child(ren) they will adopt.
 - Gay and lesbian individuals and couples are welcome to apply.
 - If married, parents must be married at least two years (cohabitation recognized).
 - Singles may adopt older children or children with identified needs; single men matched with boys only.
 - Parents cannot have serious physical or mental health concerns.
 - If you are of Colombian heritage, please call us to discuss eligibility guidelines.
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- Depending on openness, wait for referral is typically 6-18 months.
 - Travel occurs 5-9 weeks after referral acceptance.
 - One trip to Colombia for 3-5 weeks is required. One parent may return to the U.S. after approximately 2 weeks.

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: Colombia Adoption Program

effective 5/1/2020

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 completion of home study Part 2 - Due upon acceptance of child referral; plus \$2,000 Agency Sibling Fee (per family), 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 acceptance of child referral (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 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)		\$14,300	\$11,825	\$_____

* 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 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.	Payment 1 - Due upon dossier submission	\$7,000
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 adoption services in the U.S. (\$4,000)	Payment 2 - Due upon acceptance of child referral Non-heritage families	\$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. The services provided by ICBF are free of charge. (\$4,000)	Heritage families (ICBF Only)	\$5,000
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). (\$3,000)	WAITING IDENTIFIED CHILD OR CHILD PARTICIPATED IN KIDSAVE	
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. (\$3,000)	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	\$7,000
TOTAL COUNTRY FEES		\$12,000-14,000

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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	\$166
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	\$2,000-3,000
	Document Preparation Fee	\$400-800	Airfare (per person over age 2)	\$1,500
	Professional Review of Child Referral	\$400-800	Lodging	\$3,000-6,000
	U.S. Passport Application Fee	\$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-\$350		

This is a good faith estimate of charges deemed reliable as of May 1, 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.