

Adopt from

ECUADOR

Children eligible for adoption from Ecuador typically range in age from 2 to 15 years. Children become eligible for international adoption after they receive "Sentencia de Adoptabilidad." They are cared for in private and government-run orphanages where access to resources can widely vary. The greatest need is for families to be open to school-age children, sibling groups and children with identified needs and histories that may include trauma. Children's Home is Hague accredited.

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

If you hope to adopt a relative or a child you've already identified in Ecuador, please email welcome@chlss.org to discuss how we may be able to assist you.

Eligible Families

- Parents must be age 25-51 at time of child referral and can be no less than 14 years and no more than 45 years older than the child to be adopted.
- Single women may adopt.
- If married, heterosexual couples must be married at least three years at home study approval.
- Parents cannot have serious physical or mental health concerns; no criminal history.
- Families can be matched to a waiting child after their home study is complete.
- Travel timelines vary case-by-case.
- One trip to Ecuador for a minimum 8-10 weeks is required; at least one parent must remain in country the entire trip. Parents have child in custody while in country.

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: Ecuador 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	\$3,950	\$2,700	\$3,950
	Part 2 - Due upon acceptance of child referral; plus \$2,000 Agency Sibling Fee (per family), if adopting siblings	\$3,500 ◊	\$2,600 ◊	\$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△	_____
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.

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

ECUADOR 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. (\$1,300)	Payment 2 - Due upon acceptance of child referral	
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. (\$10,500)	Single child	\$7,000
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). (\$1,500)	Sibling group of 2 children	\$7,500
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. (\$700)	Sibling group of 3+ children	\$8,000
An added \$500 applies to adoptions of 2 siblings or \$1,000 to sibling groups of 3 or more.		
TOTAL COUNTRY FEES		\$14,000 - \$15,000

Visit chlss.org/finance to discover resources to help make adoption affordable.

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	Child's U.S. Visa	\$325
	USCIS Petition (I-800A)	\$775	Child's U.S. Visa Medical Exam	\$150
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	Child's Ecuadorian Passport	\$105
	Psychological Evaluation	\$500-2,000	Airfare (per person over age 2)	\$1,500
	Document Preparation Fee	\$400-800	Lodging	\$2,000-4,000
	Professional Review of Child Referral	\$400-800	In-country transportation	\$300-600
	U.S. Passport	\$110/adult	Re-adoption/Finalization	varies by state

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.