

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.

		China	Colombia	Ecuador	India	South Korea
Children	Age (at referral)	7 months - 13 years	3 months - 15 years	2 - 15 years	6 months - 14 years	12 - 16 months
	Sibling groups	Rare	Yes	Possible	Rare	No
	Number of children placed in FY 2019	8	9	0	42	14
Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)	Age (at application to CH/LSS unless otherwise noted)	Minimum age is 30.	25-55. Age of child to be adopted is determined by parents' ages at child referral. See chlss.org/colombia for details.	25-51	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 chlss.org/india for details.	General guideline: 25-44 at home study approval. There is an age exception, allowing applicants to be 25-49 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	No more than 50-year age difference between younger parent and child.
	LGBTQ individuals and couples	No	Yes	No	No	No
	Singles	Yes - single women.	Yes - singles are eligible to adopt older children or children with identified needs; single men can adopt boys only.	Yes - single women.	Yes - single women can adopt boys or girls; single men can adopt boys only.	No
	Marriage: Minimum length	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 cohabitating prior to marriage may be included.	2 years. If co-habiting but not married, please inquire.	3 years	2 years	3 years
	Marriage: Maximum divorces	No more than 2 divorces on either side	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	2 per couple
	Choosing gender	Allowed	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not allowed
	Current family size	No more than 5 children (minors) residing in home	No restriction	No restriction	No more than 3 children currently in the home	No more than 4 children currently in home
	Health requirements	Body mass index considered; no serious health issues; please inquire and see chlss.org/china .	No serious physical or mental health issues; please inquire about specific situations.	No serious health issues; please inquire or submit Application Part 1 about specific situations.	No serious, chronic, or life-threatening health issues; must be physically, mentally and emotionally stable; please inquire.	No serious physical or mental health issues, including weight restrictions. Medical history considered case-by-case; please inquire.
	Financial requirements	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 additional requirements	No additional requirements	Must be able to demonstrate financial security and stability.	Minimum income of \$35,000 + \$10,000 per child in home
	Background requirements	Restrictions may apply, please inquire.	Restrictions may apply, please inquire.	No criminal history allowed	Medical and criminal history considered case-by-case	Medical and criminal history considered case-by-case
Other requirements	High school diploma or equivalent. Home study must be completed by a Hague- or COA-accredited, nonprofit agency.	None	Please inquire regarding relative and pre-identified (designated) adoption cases.	If NRI or OCI card holders, please inquire.	High school and some post-secondary education required. Home study must be completed by a Hague-accredited agency.	
Referral/Travel/Fees	Estimated wait for referral	Up to 24 months from sending dossier to China Dependent on openness to identified needs	6-18 months from dossier approval	Varies by case	3-12 months after USCIS I-800A approval and approval from CARA. Dependent on openness to gender and identified needs.	1-4 months from dossier submission to Korea Dependent on openness to identified needs
	Estimated wait for travel (after referral acceptance)	4-6 months from referral acceptance	5-9 weeks	Varies by case	7-11 months after referral acceptance dossier is sent to India	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	1 trip	1 trip	1 trip	1 trip (2 trips in select regions)	2 trips
	Travel requirements: length of trips	2 weeks on average	Approximately 3-5 weeks	Minimum 8-10 weeks	2-3 weeks (minimum stay 10 days in country); varies by state in which child resides and child's age.	Each trip is approximately 5-6 days in length.
	Travel requirements: who travels	At least one parent must travel.	If married, both parents must travel; one parent must remain in country for entire trip.	If married, both parents must travel; one parent must remain in country for entire trip, one parent can return home after about 4 weeks.	One parent must travel in most states; a few states require both parents travel.	Both parents must travel for both trips.
	Country program fee	\$6,900-\$7,250	\$12,000-\$14,000	\$14,000	\$10,500	\$26,500 \$24,800 if adopting a Waiting Child