



FEE SCHEDULE FAQ

What is due? When is it due? To whom is it due? How can I pay?

Below are answers to these questions and a breakdown of average fees associated with adopting from China through Children of the World. Please keep in mind that the fees you are responsible for are listed in the fee schedule you have signed as part of your contract. Figures below may differ slightly. If you have questions, always confirm your fee amounts with the China Program Manager or Office Operations Manager.

Helpful Information:

- You may pay by check, credit card, or ACH

If you choose to pay by credit card, a 3.5% processing fee is added

A credit card authorization form is available on our China Documents page.

<https://www.childrenoftheworld.com/china-program-documents/>

- Our Office Operations Manager handles all bookkeeping.

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He will invoice you at each stage of the process.

Each invoice is payable upon receipt.

- Information on Grants, Low-Interest Loans, and Fundraising Options for Adoption Financing can be found on our webpage. <https://www.childrenoftheworld.com/adoption-financing/>

Most adoption grants require that applicants have a completed home study before applying.

This is why we recommend families saving a minimum of \$5,000.00 before they begin the adoption process.

Overview of Fees – Estimates Listed by Adoption Phase:

The figures below are a combination of fees paid directly to Children of the World, and amounts paid out of pocket.

These amounts are only estimates; intended to help families plan and budget.

Application / Home Study Phase

Alabama Residents - \$5,020.00

Non-Alabama Residents - \$5,520.00 - \$7,520.00

Dossier / i800-a Phase

All Clients - \$7,440.00

Referral Acceptance

Alabama Residents - \$4,410.00

Non-Alabama Residents - \$4,910.00 - \$5,510.00

Travel Phase

All Clients - \$23,725.00

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Breakdown of Fees - listed by adoption phase

Application / Home Study Phase

(This is the first 90 days of your adoption journey)

| Paid to Children of the World Directly *Indicates an estimate | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Application Fee | \$450.00 | Due before you can begin the program |
| Home Study Fee Alabama Residents Only | \$1,800.00 | * Alabama Residents – this total (\$4,150.00) is due before we will schedule your social worker for home visits. * Non-Alabama Residents – this total (\$2,850.00) is due before we will approve your home study report with your home study agency. |
| Home Study Supervision and Review Non-Alabama Residents Only | \$500.00 | |
| SAM Portal Fee | \$100.00 | |
| Children of the World Service Fee #1 | \$1,800.00 | |
| Paid to third party vendors out-of-pocket *Indicates an estimate | | |
| Background Clearance Fees | \$100.00* | AL Residents can expect to pay this for their ABI/FBI fingerprint clearance. Other states may differ. |
| Medical Reports for Home Study | \$40.00* | Varies depending on your insurance coverage |
| Passports for 2 Parents | \$330.00* | |
| Adoptive Parent Training (12hrs) | \$200.00* | Paid online to “Adoption Learning Partners” |
| Certified Copies (birth, marriage, etc.) | \$100.00* | |
| Home Study Provider Fees Non-Alabama Residents Only | \$2,000.00 – \$4,000.00* | Non-Alabama Residents will be responsible for paying their home study provider directly for their fees. * This figure varies largely by state* |

Estimated totals paid during the application / home study phase:

Alabama Residents – \$4,920.00

Non- Alabama Residents - \$5,620.00 - \$7,620.00*

**Again, this figure depends on your home study provider's fee schedule*

Dossier / i800-a Phase

(Second Phase of Adoption Journey)

| Paid to Children of the World Directly *Indicates an estimate | | |
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| Children of the World Service Fee #2 | \$1,800.00 | These fees are due when you send your dossier documents to Children of the World. *Depending on how we are able collect and send your fees that will be sent to China, there may be an additional \$100 “China Bank Fee” assessed during this time. |
| Dossier & Authentication Fee | \$1,500.00 | |
| Accreditation Monitoring & Oversight Fee <i>This fee is transmitted to IAAME, the US appointed Hague Accrediting Entity</i> | \$500.00 | |
| China Liaison Fee #1 | \$500.00 | |
| Courier and Wiring Fees | \$670.00 | |
| Special Needs Dossier Translation Fee <i>CCCWA Fee – wired to China</i> | \$350.00 | |
| Special Needs Center of Adoption Affairs Fee. <i>CCCWA Fee – wired to China</i> | \$1,100.00 | |
| Paid to third party vendors out-of-pocket *Indicates an estimate | | |
| Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) | \$945.00 | You will send this by official check directly to USCIS with your i800a paperwork. |
| Passport Pictures (8 copies) | \$30.00* | These are used in your dossier |
| Overnight / Trackable Postage | \$45.00* | To send your dossier to Children of the World |

Estimated totals paid during the Dossier / i800-a phase:

All Clients - \$7,440.00

Referral Acceptance



(When you officially accept a referral)

| Paid to Children of the World Directly | | *Indicates an estimate |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Children of the World Service Fee #3 | \$1,800.00 | * Alabama Residents – this total (\$3,960.00) is due when you accept a referral. * Non-Alabama Residents – this total (\$3,560.00) is due when you accept a referral. |
| Post Adoption Visits and Reports Alabama Residents Only | \$1,200.00 | |
| Post Adoption Supervision and Review Non-Alabama Residents Only | \$800.00 | |
| Post Adoption Report Translation Fee | \$360.00 | |
| Article V Processing Fee <i>In-country courier & process – wired to China</i> | \$600.00 | |
| Paid to third party vendors out-of-pocket | | *Indicates an estimate |
| UAB International Adoption Clinic Consultation on Referral | \$450.00* | We do not require families to have UAB review their referral, however we do highly recommend this service. You will be required to have at-minimum a medical professional, who specializes in your child’s special need, review your referral. Keeping this in mind, fees/charges could still apply. |
| Post Adoption Report (Home Study Provider Fees) for 3 social worker prepared post adoption reports Non-Alabama Residents Only | \$900.00 - \$1,500.00* | Non-Alabama Residents will be responsible for paying their home study provider directly for their post adoption report fees. * This figure varies largely by state* |

Estimated totals paid when you accept a referral:

Alabama Residents – \$4,410.00

Non- Alabama Residents - \$4,910.00 - \$5,510.00*

**Again, this figure depends on your home study provider’s fee schedule*

***In addition, the following fees could apply between your Home Study and Referral Phases:**

Home Study Update Fee – Should any changes to your household occur that require a social worker’s visit (move, additional persons living in the home, pregnancy/birth, etc.), or if 1 year has elapsed without an accepted referral, your home study will need to be updated.

Home Study Addendum Fee – If any changes to a completed home study are needed, and no social worker visit is required, a home study addendum will suffice.

- Alabama Residents Home Study Update Fee - \$900.00
- Alabama Residents Home Study Addendum Fee - \$100.00
- Non-Alabama Residents’ Home Study Update and/or Addendum Fees will be determined by your home study agency.

Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee – Should any of the above circumstances occur, USCIS will also need to be updated (if you have already received your i800-a approval).

- Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee (Update) - \$385.00

Fees for travel phase continued on next page



Travel Phase

Requests/invoices for large amounts come rapidly during this phase.

Make plans to try and stay ahead of this figure as you are able.

| Paid to Children of the World Directly | | *Indicates an estimate |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| China Liaison Fee | \$500.00 | Fees collected at this stage are largely circumstantial based on when/where you are traveling and any special considerations needed for your specific case. The amounts are collected and wired to China in advance of your departure. |
| CCCWA Official Fees <i>*This is a close estimate. An exact breakdown for your case will be provided.</i> | \$8500.00* | |
| CCCWA Communication Fee | \$100.00 | |
| China Bank Service Fee | \$100.00 | |
| Provincial Guide <i>*Varies based on location of orphanage</i> | \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00* | |
| Hotel Accommodations <i>*These are arranged by the Chinese Govt.</i> | \$3,500.00* | |
| In-Country Flights (2) <i>*Arrangements made by our China Liaison</i> | \$1,600.00* | |
| Paid to third party vendors out-of-pocket | | *Indicates an estimate |
| Child's Visa | \$325.00 | Paid in China to US Consulate |
| Child's Medical | \$250.00 | Paid in China to Service Provider |
| Ground Transportation / Tours | \$800.00* | Some of this amount may be collected by COTW and wired in advance. |
| Visas for 2 Parents | \$350.00* | Will depend on which visa service provider you use. |
| International Flights | \$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00* | You will book your in-to and out-of country flights. Keep in mind.... There will be one extra ticket coming home 😊 |
| Food Costs (in Country) | \$500.00* | This does not include spending money |
| Tips | \$200.00* | Be generous and kind – But, be wise! |

Estimated totals paid just before and during travel:

All Clients – \$23,725.00

