

China



Adoptions From The Heart takes great care in choosing partners for our international adoption programs and works diligently to ensure that the international process, from the application until you bring your child home to the United States, is a positive experience. There are children in foreign orphanages due to political, social or economic reasons who need loving homes. The governments of these countries recognize the importance of providing families for these children and have opened their doors to international adoption in order to provide them with the opportunity to have loving homes and a good life.

AFTH is currently not accepting any new applications for the China Program. AFTH will re-evaluate the program on a monthly basis. Please check the China section of the website for updates.

About the Children

In most cases, waiting children in China are infant girls age 7 months and older. These children have been abandoned or orphaned and live in orphanages or foster homes. One child may be adopted at a time with the exception of twins.

Who is Eligible to Adopt?

- Married couples between the ages of 30 and 50 years old, families adopting special needs children must be between 30-55
- Applicants with or without children
- Applicants from anywhere in the United States
- Applicants must be married for 2 years, if either applicant had been divorced, the couple must be married for at least 5 years
- Net worth must exceed \$80,000. Income must be over \$10,000 per person in the household including the child being adopted.
- At least one member of a couple must be a U.S. citizen
- Parents must be high school graduates
- Youngest child in household must be 12 months or older
- No history of alcohol abuse within last 10 years. No DUI record within last 10 years. No history of drug abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence or child abandonment.
- Parents must be in good health emotionally and physically. Must have body mass index (BMI) of less than 40.
- If previously on medication for depression or anxiety one must be off them for the past 2 years.
- Medical conditions that are not allowed include the following: AIDS, mental deformity, infectious disease in infectious stage, schizophrenia, blindness or low eyesight in both eyes, single eye blindness without artificial eye, hearing loss of both ears, loss of speech, genetic defects, paralysis and limb deformities, severe facial deformity, severe diseases that require permanent medical treatment or affect one's life span (such as malignant tumors, lupus, liver disease, epilepsy, etc.), or organ transplanting within 10 years.

What are the Highlights of this Program?

- AFTH families travel as a group.
- Families and their travel groups are escorted by experienced agency facilitators throughout their stay in China.
- Knowledgeable facilitators, that have worked with AFTH since 1994, will assist families through the adoption process.
- Agency assistance is provided to meet U.S. immigration and citizenship, and Chinese government requirements.
- Adoptions From The Heart is Hague accredited as China is a Hague Country

What are the Travel Requirements?

One 12-14 day trip to China is required. It is recommended that both members of a couple travel, however, if only one applicant is able to travel, it is recommended that they be accompanied by a friend or family member.

What are the Fees & Costs?

The current agency fee for this program is approximately \$6,700 and In-country fee is \$2,000. A donation to the Chinese Welfare Institute is \$3,000. * Fees and costs for are based on the fee schedule in effect at the time services are provided.

** Travel, home study and supervision not included. All fees are approximate and subject to change. Please see our China Fee Schedule for a complete breakdown of fees.*



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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA PROGRAM FEES AND EXPENSES AT A GLANCE

(Note: This summary is subject to all details, terms and conditions set forth on the Payment Schedule and Description of Services)

Category	Amount	Date of Payment	Recipient
<i>Agency Fees**</i>			
Application	500	With application	AFTH
Initial Agency fee	\$2,200	Upon signing of contract	AFTH
Final Agency fee	\$4,500	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH
[Additional placements	[\$5,970]		
[3 rd Placement	[\$5,700]		
<i>Social Services</i>			
If Adoptive Parents Reside in AFTH Service Area:			
Homestudy and Education	\$1,500	Prior to first group session	AFTH
(includes 1 hour of travel without fee			
\$45/half hour after that)		At time of Home Study	AFTH
Home Study Update	\$600/800	Prior to meeting w/ SW	AFTH
Ed Course II (2 nd placement)	\$300		
Post-Placement	\$900***	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH
If Adoptive Parents Reside outside of AFTH Service Area:			
Homestudy and Education	varies		Third party
Post-Placement	varies		Third party
Homestudy Review fee	\$300	Homestudy review & approval	AFTH
<i>Foreign Program Fee</i>			
Program Fees	0		
Care of the Child	0		
Fee to CCAA* for submission	\$ 920	Upon submission of dossier	Third Party (CCAA)
In-Country fee	\$2,000	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH for Third party
Orphanage Contribution	\$3,000	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH for Third party

*China Center of Adoption Affairs

**Agency works w/ subcontractor implementing placements

*** Fee for post-placement services are ones in effect at the time the child is placed.

Total Fixed Fees: If Adoptive Parents Reside in AFTH Service Area - \$ 15,320

If Adoptive Parents Reside Outside AFTH Svc Area \$12,920 (+ social service fees)

Variable Fees paid to third parties (*estimates only*):

Travel

Airfare for parents – Approximately \$1,200 roundtrip/person **

Air for child – Approximately \$900 for child (\$110 if child does not have her own seat)*

In-country flights or ground transportation (depends on location of orphanage)- Approximately \$350 -500/person

Hotel Accommodations – Approximately \$1,000 ** (\$100/night)

Food – Approximately \$50/day/person

Documents

CIS – Fee for I600A and I600 – \$750 single and \$830/couple

(\$670 + \$80 per adult living in home for fingerprints)

Criminal Background and Child Abuse Clearances – varies by state – approx. \$10-100/document

Document notarizations – approximately \$50

Document certifications – approximately \$150

Consulate Authentication – approximately \$200

Mailings – Approximately \$150
Visas for Adoptive Parent(s) to China - \$100/person
Visa for child - \$405
Med exam for child - \$75
** subject to seasonal variations

Additional Fees that May Apply

AFTH Social Services:

- Homestudies/Social Services Travel Fee requiring more than 1 hour of travel time - \$45/half hour
- Update for homestudy - \$600/800 - \$600 if home study previously performed by AFTH. \$800 for Non former clients.
- Review of current homestudy and educational course - \$600

Fee for non-Pennsylvania and non-Delaware families if a single spouse travels (includes meeting with family) - \$200

Fee for Pennsylvania and Delaware families if a single spouse travels (includes meeting with family), plus inter-state compact processing - \$400

For NJ residences only: NJ fingerprint processing fee - \$25

Refinalization costs (optional)(per state requirements)

Post-placement reports - \$300

Court report (if required) - \$250

Social worker required at court hearing - \$300

Legal fees (charged by Agency attorney or attorney of your choice)

U.S. Citizenship – Current fee for submission of a N600K is \$420

Birth Certificate – Varies with State

All fees are subject to change and not guaranteed

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