

India



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 India Program. AFTH will re-evaluate the program on a monthly basis. Please check the India section of the website for updates.

About the Children

Waiting children in India living in orphanages are boys and girls 6 months and older. Older boys and girls, some with special needs, as well as two children or sibling groups may also be adopted.

Who is Eligible to Adopt?

- Married couples with at least one spouse of Indian ethnicity and single women of Indian descent may adopt.
- Couples must be in a committed relationship for at least 5 years.
- Families who have children may adopt, although families who do not have children are given first priority.
- Applicants between the ages of 30 to 55 may apply. Combined age cannot be more than 90 years.
- Applicants from any of the United States may apply.

What are the Highlights of this Program?

- Adoptive parents may either accept referrals of children through our program or they may independently receive referrals from a preferred child welfare institution in India.

What are the Travel Requirements?

- Travel is approximately 2-3 weeks.

What are the Fees & Costs?

The current placement fee for this program is approximately \$14,800* Fees and costs are based on the fee schedule in effect at the time services are provided.

* Does not include cost of travel, document authentication, and legal fees. All fees are approximate and are subject to change at any time. See the India Fee Schedule for a complete fee breakdown.



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INDIA 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
Placement Fee orphanage case	\$5,000	Upon signing this contract	AFTH
<u>or</u> Placement Fee non-orph. case	\$3,500		
[Place fee for a second child	\$2,250]		
<i>Social Services</i>			
If Adoptive Parents Reside in AFTH Service Area:			
Homestudy	\$1,600	Prior to 1 st group ed 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 timers)	\$300	Prior to meeting w/SW	AFTH
Post-Placement (3 visits)	\$ 900**	Upon signing this contract	AFTH
(includes 1 hour of travel)			
If Adoptive Parents Reside outside of AFTH Service Area:			
Home Study	varies		Third party
Post-Placement	varies		Third party
Home Study Review fee	\$300	Homestudy review & approval	AFTH
Review of Homestudy and edu.	\$600	Homestudy review and approval and educational course	AFTH
Review and Subm. of PP report.	\$350	Post Placement review & subm.	AFTH
<i>Foreign Program Fee</i>			
In-country orph child maint.	\$3,500*	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH for third party
Support of Child Welfare Prog.	\$3,500*	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH for third party

* This Amount may vary if family works with orphanage of its own choosing.

** 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 - \$ 15,000

If Adoptive Parents Reside Outside AFTH Svc Area \$6,400 (+ social service fees)

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

Travel

Airfare for one – Approximately \$900-\$1,800 roundtrip/person **

Airfare for child (under 2) – Approximately \$150

In country flights or ground transportation- Approximately \$300

Hotel Accommodations for 10 days – Approximately \$800 **

Food – Approximately \$30/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 \$200

Document certifications – approximately \$465

Mailings – Approximately \$150
Visas for Adoptive Parent(s) to India - \$ 10-\$60/person depending on type of VISA
Visa for child - \$ 335
Med exam for child - \$15-25 depending on the hospital
* airline fee for a child not having their own seat
** seasonal variations

Additional fees that may apply

International wire charge \$80

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 residence inter-state compact processing - \$1,000

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

Finalization or refinalization costs to obtain adoption decree in the U.S. (will vary with state requirements) – approx. \$1,500

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 N 600K is \$420

Birth Certificate – Varies with State

All fees are subject to change and not guaranteed