

Kazakhstan



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 Kazakhstan Program.

About the Children

Waiting children in Kazakhstan include boys and girls ages 7 months to 3 1/2. Sibling groups are occasionally available. Families considering siblings should be flexible in their age and gender requirements. The children available for international adoption are primarily Asian-Kazakh, but there is a wide range of ethnicity in the country which includes Russian, German, Korean, Tatar and Gypsy.

Who is Eligible to Adopt?

- Couples and single women may adopt.
- Single women may not be able to adopt two children during the same trip.
- Both applicants must be United States citizens.
- There can be no more than 45 years age difference between the youngest spouse and the child.
- Applicants who already have children may adopt.

What are the Highlights of this Program?

- Completion of paperwork to adoption can be as little as 6-9 months.
- Infants and toddlers are available for adoption.
- Our experienced in-country team meets families at the airport and escorts the adoptive parents throughout the trip.
- Assistance is provided with fulfilling both United States immigration and Kazakhstan requirements.
- Children receive quality care in government-run orphanages.
- AFTH provides humanitarian assistance to the orphanages in which we work.

What are the Travel Requirements?

Adoptive parents travel to Kazakhstan when invited by the government. Both parents must travel to be presented with referral in the orphanage and both parents must spend two weeks bonding with child before they can accept the referral. Upon accepting referral, paperwork is filed with the court and both must attend the Preliminary Court Hearing which is typically scheduled within 7 working days. The date of the Final Hearing is set at the Preliminary Hearing. Both parents must attend the Final Hearing. Time between hearings can be up to about 4 weeks and adoptive parents can return to the U.S. and return a day before the hearing if they chose. Adoptive parents can return to the U.S. the night of the Final court and return to Kazakhstan in about four weeks to bring the child home. It may be possible to arrange to have the child escorted to the US and that would be arranged during the first trip. Typical travel is first trip of about 3 1/2 weeks for visitation and Preliminary Court; home for 3-4 weeks and then second trip of about 3 days for Final Court; home for 4 weeks and then third trip of about 5 days to obtain child's visa. Adoptive parents have the option of remaining in the country through the entire process or doing one long trip and one shorter trip if they chose.

What are the Fees & Costs?

The agency fee for this program is \$4,500. The in-country fee for one child is approximately \$15,000*. Fees and costs are based on the fee schedule in effect at the time services are provided.

**Fee does not include cost of travel, home study or supervision. All fees are approximate and are subject to change at any time. See the Kazakhstan Fee Schedule for a complete fee breakdown.*



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KAZAKHSTAN ADOPTION 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 Placement fee	\$2,000	Upon signing of contract	AFTH
Final placement fee	\$2,500	Upon submission of dossier	AFTH
Additional Child Fee	\$2,250 each	Upon submission of dossier	AFTH
<i>Social Services</i>			
If Adoptive Parents Reside in AFTH Service Area:			
Homestudy and Education	\$1,600	Prior to first group session	AFTH
(includes 1 hour of travel without fee \$45/half hour after first hour)			
Home Study Update	\$600/800	At time of Home Study	AFTH
Ed Course II	\$300	Prior to meeting w/ SW	AFTH
Post-Placement	\$ 900 for 1 child*	upon submission of update fee	AFTH
Post-Placement Fee additional children	\$450 per child*	Upon submission of dossier	AFTH
Post-Placement Compliance Escrow	\$500	Upon submission of dossier	AFTH
(refunded upon successful completion of first three years post-placement requirements)			
If Adoptive Parents Reside outside of AFTH Service Area:			
Homestudy and Education	varies		Third party
Post-Placement	varies		Third party
Homestudy Review fee	\$300	Upon signing of contract	AFTH
<i>Foreign Program Fee</i>			
In-Country fee	\$15,000	\$9,500 Upon submission of dossier	AFTH for Third party
		\$5,500 At time of travel	Third party

* 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 - \$ 22,500

If Adoptive Parents Reside Outside AFTH Svc Area \$ 20,200 (+ social service fees)

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

Travel		
Adoptive Parent Visas	\$	150 per person per trip
Airfare for adoptive parents to Kazakhstan	\$1,600	roundtrip/person (approximate)*
In-Country Airfare	\$	350 per person each way (approximate)*
Air for child	\$1,000	(approximate)*
Hotel/Apartment Accommodations	\$	100/night (approximate)*
Food	\$	50 per day per couple (approximate)
Car and Driver	\$	150 per week (approximate)
Transfers from Airport in Almaty	\$	50
Hotel in Almaty (2 nd trip)	\$100-350	per night depending on hotel*
Services of team in Almaty	\$400	
Obtaining and Expediting child's paperwork	\$2,500	

*estimate subject to seasonal variations

USCIS Fees:	Fee for I600A and I600 (plus \$80 for each additional adult living in home for fingerprints)	\$750 single / \$830 couple
	Child's visa (Additional \$525 for additional non-related children)	\$380 per child
	Child's US Embassy Medical Exam	\$75 per child
	Criminal Background and Child Abuse Clearances – varies by state –	approx. \$10-100/document
Document Processing:		
	Apostilles (varies by state)	\$ 300 (estimate)
	Dossier translation and handling fee	\$1,000
	Consulate Legalization	\$ 555
	Mailings and document handling	\$ 150 (estimate)

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

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 N600 is \$215

Birth Certificate – Varies with State

All fees are subject to change and not guaranteed