World Association for Children and Parents wacap

Fees and Programs at a Glance

WACAP delivers reliable, personal adoption services to bring a child into your family.

	Bulgaria	China	Ethiopia	India	Korea	Russia (currently closed)	Taiwan***	Thailand	US Kids
Married Couples	Married couples	Married 2 years (min.), or, if previously divorced, 5 years	Married 2 years (min.)	Married 2 years (min.)	Married 3 years (min.) with no more than two divorces between them	Married couples	Married 3–5 years (min.); married two or three years (min.) for waiting children**	Married two years (min.) with documented infertility for healthy infants; flexibility for waiting children	Married couples
Singles	Men and women, single men will only be approved to adopt a boy	Women can adopt "special focus" children	Women may adopt a waiting child on our Web site or a boy or girl older than 48 mos.	Men and women open to waiting children with moderate to significant medical needs	Not eligible for this program	Women can adopt	Men and women considered case-by-case for waiting children *	Not eligible for this program	Men and women
Applicant(s) Age	Age 25–55 (exceptions may be made for those seeking waiting children); age 25–50 if adopting a child up to 36 months	Couples 30–54; exceptions may be made for older children; singles 30–49; exceptions may be made for older children	No more than 48 years difference between oldest parent and child; minimum age requirement of 25 years	Age 30–55; no more than 43 years older than child; excep-tions for older kids or those with special needs** possible	Age 25–43 when initiating the adoption process	Maximum age between mother and child is 48 years	Age 30–48 if adopting infants; up to 55 for waiting children**	For healthy infants, mother age 25–38; father age 25–43	No requirements
Children in Family/ Home	No requirements	For singles, no more than two children in the home under the age of 18 and no children in the home under the age of 6	No requirements	No more than three children in the home; exceptions may be made for children who are older or who have special needs**	No more than four children in the home	Families with more than four children in the home are considered on a case-by-case basis	No more than two children in the home for infants (birth mothers prefer childless couples for infants); no more than four for waiting children**	For healthy infants, no more than one child in the home	No requirements
Health Requirements	No serious health concerns	Healthy according to China's medical requirements, including having a BMI under 40	No serious health concerns	No serious health concerns	Healthy according to Korea's medical requirements	Serious health issues, including depression, considered on a case-by-case basis	No health concerns; BMI under 40	No serious health concerns	No serious health concerns
Other Requirements	Families adopting infants must be open to children up to 36 months old	High school diploma or equivalent; $10,000 annual income per family member plus $80,000 net worth for couples; $100,000 net worth for singles; singles should have experience with children or work in a child-centered field (teacher, doctor, etc.)	No additional requirements	No additional requirements	Only families in AK, ID, NC, UT and WA can adopt healthy infants; families may request a girl only if family has a majority of boys; families in most states may be eligible to adopt waiting children; parents must have a high school diploma	Families adopting infants must be open to children up to 18 months old at time of matching	High school diploma or equivalent; no criminal history; minimum income of $50,000–70,000; net worth of $100,000 required; requirements may be flexible for waiting children**	WACAP may accept a limited number of applications for healthy children age 1–4 each year	A foster license is required
Children	Infants and children age 12 months to 15 years, healthy or with a minor to more serious medical need; siblings	Infants and young children with a minor to more serious medical need that is typically manageable or correctable; healthy children age 6–14	Infants and children age 4 months up to 15 years; siblings	Infants and children age 12 mos. to 12 years (Younger children up to age 5 will have minor to serious medical needs. Children 5 to 12 years may be healthy.)	Infants 6–12 months of age at matching; children with medical needs of various ages	Infants and children age 10 months to 15 years; siblings	Infants and children age 6 months up to 15 years with high-risk background and/or individual need; waiting children**	Infants and children age 15 months up to 15 years; children of all ages with medical needs; see above	Infants and children 0–18 years for families in Wash. and Ore.; in other states, age 8 and up; siblings
Wait Times	2–3 years to be matched with a healthy child up to 36 months; 1–2 years to be matched with a healthy child 3–5 years; 1 year to be matched with a healthy child 6–8 years; wait times for a child with a special need** vary; wait time for girls is longer; 2–4 months btw. trips	0–6 months to be matched with a child depending on the type of child requested; 4–8 months from match to travel	Up to 3 years or more to be matched with a child; 3–4 months from match to first trip.	For families of Indian heritage, approx. 9 months to 2 years or more to be matched with a child 0–36 months, and approx. 9–15 months from match to travel. Non-Indian families must be open to a child with special needs**, with the match time 3–15 months.	24–36 months to be matched with a child of either gender; 10–18 months from match to travel	Up to 12 months to be matched with a child; the wait time for a boy may be shorter; 7–14 weeks between trips	Wait time varies based on degree of individual need and age of child; 6–18 months for children 6 months–15 years with high-risk background or individual needs; 4–8 months from court process to travel	18–48 months to be matched with a young, healthy child; 12–36 months to be officially matched with a waiting child; 5–8 mos. from match to travel	1–18 month average to be matched with a child; families usually travel immediately upon being matched
Adoption Cost	$2,000 agency fee paid in two installments; $7,600 int'l fee paid in three installments; €8,500 foreign agency charge paid in three installments; $1,000 document processing fee	$3,000 agency fee paid in two installments; $4,500 int'l processing fee paid in three installments; $400–700 dossier document costs; $1,150 overseas processing charges (CCCWA)/$760 waiting kids; 35,000 RMB (approx. $5,600) required child care donation; $1,500 in-country legal costs	$4,000 agency fee paid in two installments; $12,000 int'l processing fee paid in three installments; $20–360 dossier document costs	$4,000 agency fee paid in two installments; $14,000 int'l processing fee paid in three installments; $50–400 dossier document costs	$4,000 agency fee paid in two installments; $22,200 int'l processing charges paid in three installments	$7,500 agency fee paid in two installments; $16,000 int'l processing fee paid in three installments; $4,000 in-country travel fee paid in two installments; $2,000 document processing fee; orphanage donation (in Russia), $500 MID registration (refundable if completed in Russia/all requirements are met)	$4,400 agency fee paid in two installments; $5,800 int'l processing fee paid in three installments; $10,000–14,000 Taiwanese agency charges (vary by Taiwan agency); required donation of $0– $1,000; $400 homestudy translation charge	$4,000 agency fee paid in two installments; $10,200 int'l processing fee paid in three installments; $200 in-country legal expenses	$1,500–3,500 agency fee; no interest loans available for qualifying applicants (contact WACAP US Kids program for details)
Travel Times	Two one-week trips; only one parent needs to travel on either trip; 3–5 months between trips	10–21 day stay depending on area child is from; one parent must travel	Two one-week trips; two parents travel on first; one parent on second	9–14 day stay; one parent must travel	Three business days' stay; one parent must travel	Two trips of 1 and 6 weeks *(second parent can travel home early on second trip)* or three trips of 1 week each *(only one parent needs to travel on third trip)*	4–7 business days for most families; some families may be required to stay up to 3 weeks dep. on court request; one parent must travel	13–15 day stay; both parents must travel	Varies by child's circumstances
Subsidies Available	Promise Child grants and fee reductions of approx. $4,050–10,200 may be available for designated waiting children*	Promise Child grants of $2,200–4,200 may be available for designated waiting children*	Promise Child grants of $5,300–7,300 may be available for designated waiting children*	Grants of 9,500 may be available for children over age 2 who are HIV+ or for children of any age with Down syndrome	Promise Child grants of $4,000–6,000 may be available for designated waiting children*	Grants of $10,000 may be available for children over age 2 who are HIV+ or for children of any age with Down syndrome	Grants may be available on a case-by-case basis	Promise Child grants of $5,900–7,900 may be available for designated waiting children*	Promise Child grants up to $2,000 may be available for designated waiting children*

** Depends on family eligibility. For designated waiting children who are older, siblings and/or have a medical need. Waiting children's circumstances differ by country. Contact WACAP for further details. ** For the purposes of adoption, "special need" refers to both medical needs and age. Older, healthy children are considered to have a special need because it is more difficult to find a family for them.* v1/23/13

**** The Taiwan program is temporarily not accepting new applications for healthy children of any age.*

Fees, Expenses and Services Described

WACAP

As a nonprofit, nonsectarian, humanitarian aid and adoption agency, WACAP uses funds generated by adoption fees to pay for processing the adoption, coordinating services and developing a range of ongoing assistance programs in the United States and abroad. WACAP's work for children is supported entirely by these fees, individual donations and grants, and corporate support. Please note that all fees, whether paid to WACAP, other agencies or foreign government representatives, are nonrefundable and subject to change. **All WACAP contracts and agreements are available upon request.** (NOTE: Innovative funding programs, including Promise Child grants, may help some families overcome financial barriers to adopting certain children. In addition, some employers offer incentives — both financial and non-financial — to employees who adopt; state tax benefits may also be available. Many families are eligible for the Federal Adoption Tax Credit. Finally, parents adopting through WACAP's US Kids program may benefit from fee waivers and adoption support programs that subsidize and encourage placement of children 7 and older, or children with a variety of special needs. Your WACAP adoption case manager can help you get the details on these and other forms of adoption-related financial assistance.) When WACAP or our international partners change fees, WACAP sends notification in writing before a new fee is implemented. In the unlikely case that WACAP is dissolved, ceases to exist, or no longer provides adoption services, the directors and officers will assure that families are refunded by check within 60 days for services paid but not yet rendered.

APPLICATION AND FILE MAINTENANCE FEE: Your initial application fee of $325 covers the costs of screening and reviewing your application, establishing an adoptive family file and your WACAP Adoption Toolkit. WACAP also charges families a $10 per month file maintenance fee during the homestudy phase of their adoption.

HOMESTUDY SERVICES PROVIDED BY WACAP: All families choosing to adopt must complete a homestudy, which is a reflective and educational process to assess the physical, mental and emotional environment the adopted child will enter. The resulting report is a required legal document that represents the family to organizations, courts, and/or governments with custody of children.

WACAP homestudy services are available to families in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey and New York.

- Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey and New York: $2,200 ($1,100 for US Kids) plus mileage*
- Alaska (within two-hour drive of Anchorage): $2,200 ($1,100 for US Kids) plus mileage*; (if you live two hours outside of Anchorage): add a one-time fee of $750 for counselor time plus actual transportation and hotel costs for all home visits

WACAP homestudies may only be used for international adoptions completed by a licensed U.S. placing agency. A WACAP independent homestudy may be completed for placement through another licensed placing agency for the current homestudy fee plus $300 for non-Hague or $600 for Hague countries. If your WACAP homestudy needs to be updated for any reason, there is a fee of $600 ($750, Wis.). Homestudy updates may be required if your homestudy expires, there is a significant change in your family, or another situation arises that requires an update.

**Mileage = round trip mileage and ferry or other actual transportation expenses will be charged to families. Mileage will begin from the WACAP local office or WACAP local counselor office to destination for all required homestudy, post placement and homestudy update visits. Mapquest and the government auto transporation rate will be used to determine the actual expense.*

HOMESTUDY REVIEW FEE $350: A homestudy review fee is charged to families who have not completed their homestudy through WACAP. This fee covers the cost of reviewing the homestudy, processing documents, and communicating with the homestudy agency and is due upon homestudy submittal to WACAP.

ADOPTION PREPARATION COSTS: Some agencies incorporate training costs into their homestudy fees; others separate them out. Costs range between $150–300, depending on who offers the training, the number of classes taken, and the format (e.g. in-person, online, webinar, etc.).

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION PROGRAMS: **WACAP agency fees** cover the administrative costs of running the agency and developing and expanding adoption programs around the world. **WACAP international processing fees** cover the costs of processing the adoption, which include, but are not limited to: communicating with government officials and private agencies in the United States and abroad, coordinating social services between agencies, preparing documents, obtaining the child's available medical and background information, translating various documents, complying with interstate regulations, accepting temporary legal custody of your child where appropriate, coordinating travel and immigration, providing necessary legal representation in foreign countries, assisting with your child's living expenses after child acceptance and maintaining ongoing communication with your family throughout the adoption process. It also covers the cost of WACAP staff who work in the foreign countries. WACAP is committed to providing assistance to needy children and families in every country where we work. A portion of the international processing fee helps us care for children in need, provides medical attention for children waiting for adoption and helps WACAP to clarify each child's legal status to ascertain his/her eligibility for adoption. Finally, the fee also facilitates the review, processing, translation and transmission of child and family post placement reports to overseas agencies and governments.

U.S. ADOPTION PROGRAMS: The WACAP Agency Fee covers all WACAP agency and processing fees.

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND VISA APPLICATION: Required for international adoptions only. Approval by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is required for a foreign-born child to be issued a visa to enter the United States. USCIS charges the following fees (subject to change):

- Pre-approval (I-600A or I-800A): $720 + $85 per person over the age of 18 for fingerprinting
- Child U.S. Visa: $230

INTERNATIONAL IN-COUNTRY AND TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSES OR FEES: In-country travel for Russia covers ground transportation and guide and translator services. A fee of $500 for each additional person traveling will also be charged, plus $500 to register your child with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (refundable if done in Russia). In-country travel for adoptions from China is billed by WACAP and varies depending upon location of travel and whether you are traveling with a group of adoptive families. In other countries, ground transportation is paid directly while in-country.

REQUIRED DONATION AND/OR FEE PAID TO/FOR PLACING AGENCY OR CHILD-CARE INSTITUTIONS: Although the term "donation" is generally applied, these fees represent mandatory payments required from adopting parents in certain programs.

IN-COUNTRY LEGAL EXPENSES: In some programs, additional legal expenses are paid to complete the adoption process. These expenses may include the cost for obtaining copies of court documents, translating documents, fulfilling required visa medical exams, obtaining foreign passports and conducting court and adoption procedures.

POST PLACEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY WACAP: Post placement services include family meetings with WACAP adoption counselors following their child's arrival home and the writing of post placement reports regarding the child's adjustment. The services continue until the requirements of the child's country have been met. A minimum of two post placement visits are required in all WACAP adoption programs. WACAP post placement services are available to families living in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey and New York, at a cost of $400 per visit + mileage fees ($500 per visit + mileage fees for families who are using WACAP independent post placement services and are using another licensed U.S. placing agency.) Post placement services are billed at the time of referral in all states. (For independent families, post placement services are billed at the time of homestudy approval). Some U.S. Kids placements have post placement fees paid by the state.

OTHER FEE INFORMATION:

In addition to the fees outlined above, other costs or fee reductions may be associated with adoption. These costs are not included in Fees and Programs at a Glance but should be considered.

WACAP Post Placement Transmittal Fee *(International Programs Only)*: A $50–110 fee for each post placement report required by the foreign country will be charged at the time of child referral. This non-refundable fee is for tracking, processing, translating, legalizing and shipping post placement reports and will be billed at the time of child referral.

WACAP Post Placement Deposit *(Adoptions From Russia Only)*: When you accept your child referral, you must pay WACAP a $3,000 post placement deposit. This is refundable after you have completed all of the required post placement visits, reports and other activities.

WACAP Dossier Processing Fees: An adoption dossier is a set of specified documents required by a country's government. WACAP offers dossier preparation services as an option to families adopting from China or Ethiopia for a $500 fee, plus actual costs for verification, authentication and related mailing costs.

Families adopting from Bulgaria, Russia and Taiwan must pay a document processing fee, which includes the actual document expenses.

Families adopting from all other international countries send their own documents to the appropriate government office. Any further processing of the documents is included in the adoption processing fee.

Attorney/Finalization Costs: Fees paid to WACAP do not include costs for local attorneys and adoption finalization in the parents' state of residence. The US Kids, India, Korea and Thailand programs require a court finalization process in the United States. Families who adopt from Ethiopia and Taiwan must re-finalize their adoption in a U.S. court, unless both spouses traveled to bring home their child. Local court and attorney fees for this service are usually $500–1,800 or more, depending on the state and attorney. WACAP strongly recommends all international adoptions be finalized in U.S. court.

Escort Travel Cost: Families adopting from Bulgaria and Ethiopia may choose to have their child escorted to the U.S. Please contact WACAP program managers for current details and costs related to this option.

Siblings: For the adoption of siblings, the additional fees vary by program, as do transportation costs, institutional fees and child-specific fees, based on the number of siblings. Call WACAP for specific fee information.

Homestudy Translation Charge (Taiwan only): $400

Travel and Travel Visa Costs: Travel expenses and travel visa costs vary greatly. Contact WACAP for more information.

Foreign Fees: Families adopting from Bulgaria, China, or Taiwan may see processing or placement fees listed in a foreign currency. Considering fluctuation in exchange rates, WACAP will convert these figures into U.S. dollars prior to the fees coming due. For a reputable online currency converter, visit http://finance.yahoo.com/currency-converter.

On-Hold Fee: Families who go "on-hold" will be charged $120 ($10 per month for 12 months). If they become active in their adoption or withdraw, they are reimbursed $10 a month for the portion of the year they are not on hold.

Financial Assistance – Promise Child Grants: We know finances can be a barrier to finding adoptive families for children who are older, siblings or have medical needs. With this in mind, generous donors have made it possible for WACAP to provide grants to cover a portion of the WACAP fees for specific waiting children. Fee reductions may be available depending on adoptive family eligibility, child eligibility and adoption processing costs.

Late Fee: Families whose invoice has not been paid within 30 days of billing will be charged a 1 percent late fee.

Other Financial Aid: In addition, various organizations offer subsidies that can help parents adopting children through the US Kids program to offset some of their expenses. The medical conditions of the children eligible for these subsidies vary greatly; adoption support agreements can include medical coverage, counseling services, non-routine maintenance and nonrecurring cost reimbursements.

The number of WACAP's adoption placements for the prior three calendar years and the number and percentage of those placements that remain intact, are disrupted or have been dissolved are available upon request.

According to USAID, an estimated 143 million children worldwide have lost one or both parents. Thank you for opening your heart to these children. For more information on adoption, call WACAP at 206.575.4550, email us at *wacap@wacap.org* or visit *www.wacap.org*.