

Russia



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.

About the Program

Adoptions From The Heart is partnering with a Russia-accredited agency to assist families wishing to adopt from Russia. *Adoptions From The Heart* will assist families with completion of their home study, immigration approval process, notarization of dossier documents and apostille process, and post-placement requirements. Our partner agency will assist families with the Russian dossier paperwork, the selection and placement of a child, travel arrangements and all aspects of the in-country adoption process.

Who is Eligible to Adopt?

- Married couples and single women ages 25 and older are eligible to adopt in Russia. Persons age 43 and older should be open to adoption of a child over 36 months or a child with special needs.
- For couples, the age of the adoptive mother primarily determines eligibility.
- Families with children are eligible to adopt.

What are the Highlights of this Program?

- Boys and girls are available for adoption and may be as young as 12 months of age, and up to 5 years old.
- Families may adopt more than one child at the same time only in the case of biologically related siblings.
- Adoptive families typically receive referrals within 1 – 6 months of completion of all Program paperwork.

What are the Travel Requirements?

- In most cases, 3 trips are required to complete an adoption. The first and second trips are approximately 5 days each. The third trip lasts approximately 1 week. For couples, both spouses must go on trip #1 and #2, but only 1 spouse is required to travel for trip#3.

What are the Fees & Costs?

- The fees for our Russia partner agency total \$23,500, in addition to a \$2,000 Orphanage donation. The total of AFTH's fees, including application, Home Study, Immigration and Document Assistance, and Post-Placement Services, is \$6,200. This adds up to a total Program cost of \$31,700.

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



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FEES FOR RUSSIA PARTNERING ADOPTION PROGRAM

Fee Schedule

Application Fee..... \$500

Home Study and International Education Course Fee..... \$1,700

(Due at initiation of Home Study process)

If Social Worker's round-trip driving time to family's home is more than 60 minutes, Fee of \$45/additional 30 minutes will be applied.

Home Study Update..... \$650/\$850

If Education Course is needed, the fee for this will be an additional \$300.

Immigration Assistance & Liaison with Partnering Agency..... \$2,500

(Due upon signing of AFTH Contracts)

Post Placement Supervisory Visits & Reports Fee

(Due upon completion of Home Study Report)

1 visit in 1st month following completion of adoption..... \$300

If Social Worker's round-trip driving time to family's home is more than 60 Minutes, Fee of \$45/additional 30 minutes will be applied

4 visits @ \$300/each to comply with Russian requirements..... \$1,200

*Fees for Post-Placement services are ones in effect at the time of placement of child

**Escrow Fee (to cover state Apostille Fees for Post-Placement Reports. -

Any remaining balance will be returned to family upon completion of

Post-Placement requirements)..... \$500

(Fee for each additional child.....\$750)

**Due upon completion of Home Study Report

USCIS Application Fee..... \$670

USCIS Fingerprinting Fee..... \$80/adult living in household

Additional fees dependent upon your state of residency may include: the state's required Child Abuse Clearances, Criminal Clearances, Fingerprint Clearances, as well as notary and apostille fees.