

Ukraine



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.

How Does This Program Work?

Adoption from Ukraine is unique in that adoptive parents work directly with the State Department of Adoption in Kiev (SDA) to identify a child to adopt. Families are registered as approved adoptive parents within a month of submitting their dossiers to the SDA. After approval, the SDA issues an appointment to the adoptive parents in approximately 1 to 6 months after approval.

About the Children

Available children are in orphanages throughout the country. Applicants must be open to a minimum age of six years old. Older children are more readily available. Sibling groups are also available, but families need to be flexible regarding age and gender.

Who is Eligible to Adopt?

- Married couples age 24 and over are eligible to adopt.
- Couples must be married at least 2 years.
- Adoptive parents who already have children are welcome.
- Applicants from anywhere in the United States are accepted.
- No more than 45 years age difference between adoptive parents and child.

What are the Highlights of this Program?

- The time from application to travel may be as short as 6 months.
- Families are met at the airport and escorted throughout the in-country process by English-speaking guides.
- Families may have their children accompany them on the trip.
- It may be possible to adopt more than one child during the same trip.
- Sibling groups may be available for adoption.
- Adoptive parents have the opportunity to meet the child and review the child's records with the orphanage prior to accepting referral.
- Experienced in-country escorts assist with arranging in-country travel as well as assisting with the American Embassy process.
- Personalized attention and service is offered by AFTH.
- Adoptive parents spend the first 2-3 days and the last 4-5 days of the trip in Kiev. The rest of the trip is spent in the area of the orphanage.
- Families may have the option of staying in hotels or apartments.

What are the Travel Requirements?

The average adoption trip is about 6 weeks. Married couples must both be present at the initial meeting at the SDA, and both must meet the child before beginning the legal process to adopt. They also must both be present at the court hearing. After the hearing, one parent can return to the United States while the other completes the process. The law in Ukraine calls for a 10-day stay after the adoption at which time the child must remain in the orphanage. The adoptive parents have the option of going home after court and one or both returning to Ukraine at the end of the waiting period to bring the child home. Every process is individual and in some cases the process may require multiple trips.

What are the Fees & Costs?

The total of AFTH's fees, including Application, Home Study, Immigration and Dossier Assistance, and Post-Placement Services, is \$7,000 and in-country fees are approximately \$17,500 to adopt one child.* In country fees include all adoption related expenses, expediting fees, escort and translation services, and legal fees.

** Does not include cost of travel, home study or supervision. All fees are approximate and subject to change. See the Ukraine Fee Schedule for a breakdown.*



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**ADOPTIONS FROM UKRAINE
FEE SCHEDULE**

Application Fee	\$ 500
Home Study and International Education Course	\$ 1,700
Home study update.....	\$650/\$850
Home study addendum.....	\$200
Review of current home study & Educational Course	\$600
Review of current home study (out-of-state families)	\$300
(Travel Fee for home visits: no charge for first hour round trip/ \$45 per half hour after first hour.)	
Agency Placement Fee	\$ 4,500
*Agency Fee to adopt two children on same trip	\$6,750
In Country Fees	\$ 17,500
*In-country Fee to adopt two children on same trip	\$27,500-\$35,000
Post-Placement supervisory visit (one)	<u>\$ 300</u>
(Travel Fee for home visits: no charge for first hour round trip/\$45 per half hour after first hour.)	
 Total Fees for one child	 \$24,500

Additional Costs to Families

USCIS Application Fee (I600A) & Fingerprinting	\$750/single parent or \$830/couple
State Apostille of Dossier documents...(varies by state) estimate.....	\$60-350
Air fare for one to and from Kiev	\$ 1,000*
In Country travel in Ukraine.....	\$ 150
Food, entertainment (\$50/day x 23 days).....	\$ 1,150*
Hotel/apartment (\$80/day x 18 days).....	\$1,840 *
Visa fee to US per child.....	\$ 380
Child's airfare to US (under 2 years of age).....	\$ 100*

*This is an estimate of costs and the rates may vary

This is a good faith estimate of charges, deemed reliable, not guaranteed and is subject to change without notice.

Additional Costs That May Apply:

Re-finalization 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)