

## Estimated Taiwan Adoption Costs

With all that is involved in an international adoption, the costs can add up quickly. Unfortunately, many of these costs are out of our control. Still, as a ministry, Lifeline is committed to keeping the costs as low as possible. Below is a current and comprehensive listing of all fees that will be included throughout your adoption process. Some of these expenses are estimates and may vary by state of residence, airfare changes, personal preferences, and special requests. When comparing Lifeline's fees to other agencies, please note that these fees include travel costs and document fees incurred by families during the completion of the adoption process; fees that are many times not included by other agencies as upfront fees. Please understand that the below fees are subject to change.

### Agency Fees

Note: The following Agency Fees will be paid directly to Lifeline in installments as listed below.

Application Fee	\$ 250.00
Lifeline Children's Services Fee	\$ 5,000.00
Home Study Fees*	\$ 1,500.00
Post-Adoption Services*	\$ 500.00
Shipping Fee (FedEx)	\$ 250.00

*\*Fees applicable to AL, GA, & WA families – out-of-state families will be charged for these services by a home study provider in their state of residence.*

#### **Alabama, Georgia, & Washington State Residents:**

*Agency Fees listed above are to be paid in 5 installments.*

Paid with application	\$ 250.00
Paid upon application acceptance	\$ 1,762.50
Paid upon completion of home study	\$ 1,762.50
Paid when family is accepted/matched with waiting child*	\$ 1,762.50
Paid when initial/referral dossier has been received by Cathwel Services*	\$ 1,762.50

*\*these two fees will be due in a relatively close time frame*

#### **Out-of-State Residents:**

*Agency Fees listed above are to be paid in 5 installments.*

Paid with application	\$ 250.00
Paid upon application acceptance	\$ 1,312.50
Paid upon completion of home study	\$ 1,312.50
Paid when accepted/matched with waiting child*	\$ 1,312.50
Paid when initial/referral dossier has been received by Cathwel Services*	\$ 1,312.50

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**Total In-State Agency Fees \$ 7,300.00**  
**Total Out-of-State Agency Fees \$ 5,500.00**

## Out of Pocket U.S. Adoption Expenses

Note: The following estimated expenses will be paid out-of-pocket during the home study process and the preparation of your dossier.

CIS Application Fee ( <i>including fingerprints for 2 adults</i> )	\$ 890.00
Parent's Passports	\$ 150.00
International Adoption Clinic Pre-adoption Seminar**	\$ 150.00
NCFA Parent Training	\$ 175.00
FedEx Fees ( <i>dossier sent to Taiwan</i> )	\$ 50.00
Fingerprint Fee ( <i>for Home Study</i> )	\$ 118.00
Medical Reports ( <i>varies depending on health insurance coverage</i> )	\$ 400.00
Translation of Home Study ( <i>varies depending upon length of home study</i> )	\$ 1,000.00
Authentication fees ( <i>varies by state: \$200 - \$1,000</i> )	\$ 1,000.00

\*\* Consult your Lifeline social worker regarding this fee

Estimated Out-of-Pocket Expenses \$ 3,933.00

**Total U.S. Fees (\$1,800 less for non AL, GA, KY or WA) \$ 11,233.00**

## Estimated Taiwan Expenses:

### *Including Travel to Taiwan*

*(Based on one trip and an average of 4-7 day stay)*

Note: Taiwan Waiting Child Fees range from \$6,000 - \$10,000 depending on the special needs of the child. The more severe the need, the lower the fee will be, and this fee will be determined upon the family being accepted by Cathwel to adopt the child. At times we may be given the fee prior to this acceptance, but this is not always the case. The fee for a sibling group can range from \$15,000 - \$20,000 and this will depend on the special needs of any of the children and also the number of siblings. This fee will also be determined upon the family being accepted by Cathwel to adopt the sibling group, but may be determined prior to the family's acceptance.

The fee is paid either by Cashier's Check written directly to Cathwel Services, or by wire to Cathwel Services. The Lifeline office will help with this process. The fee is due at the time of sending the Second Stage Documents (referral dossier) to Cathwel for the court process, and must be sent for any court proceedings to begin.

***The individual costs of these fees are not broken down specifically, but they will all be covered in your fee that is paid directly to Cathwel and will not be due separately at another time as in some other country programs.***

The fees include:

- All document preparation fees in Taiwan for your child
- Translation fees
- Court costs
- Government fees
- Attorney fees
- Specialist costs for consultations of your child (Psychologist, Speech Therapist, Pediatrician, Pedagogue)
- New Birth Certificate of your child
- International Passport of your child
- Child medical check and clearance for VISA
- Child VISA fee

**Total Taiwan Country Adoption Fee** **\$6,000.00 - \$10,000.00**

**Taiwan Travel Costs:**

Airfare (2 tickets) **\$3,000.00**  
Airfare for child **\$800.00**  
Food and Accommodations (4-7 days) **\$2,000.00**  
(During Taipei travel only. Costs could be more if family chooses to sightsee outside of Taipei region)

**Total Travel Expenses** **\$5,800.00**

*\*These are strictly estimates and change often. Some costs depend on personal preference.*

**Total Fees for Taiwan Program and Travel** **\$11,800 - \$15,800**  
(fee totals shown are for the lowest Taiwan fee and the highest Taiwan fee)

**Lifeline's Post-Adoption Services**

*Note: The following estimated Post-Adoption Expenses will be paid out-of-pocket after you return home with your child.*

Attorney Fees/Court Fee/Birth Certificate Fee **\$ 450.00**  
Court report for re-adoption: **\$ 50.00**

*Out-of-State couples need to consult with their agencies for post-adoption service fees.*

**Estimated Post-Adoption Expenses** **\$ 500.00**

**Estimated Total Cost Before Tax Credit (AL, GA & WA)** **\$23,533 - \$27,533**

**Estimated Total Cost After Tax Credit (AL, GA & WA)** **\$10,363 - \$14,363**

2010 Adoption Tax Credit\*\* \$13,170.00

**Estimated Total Cost Before Tax Credit (Out of State)** **\$21,733 - \$25,563**

**Estimated Total Cost After Tax Credit (Out of State)** **\$8,563 - \$12,563**

2010 Adoption Tax Credit\*\* \$13,170.00

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Fees are based on basic fees involved in adoption process. Fees may vary between \$18,000 to higher depending on the child adopted or if a sibling group is adopted. The fees listed are based upon the lowest Taiwan fee possible to the highest Taiwan fee– not including sibling group adoption, which could be a higher fee as mentioned earlier in fee sheet. (Please note that it is impossible to accurately predict expenses due to possible cost changes, etc.)

There are also many ways for families to raise the finances to cover these costs. Please ask us about the adoption tax credit, adoption loans, grants, fundraising, as well as other opportunities.

\*\* Not all adoptive couples will qualify for the adoption tax credit. Please consult your accountant or the IRS for a complete list of requirements.

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Husband's Signature

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Wife's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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