



Fees

ESTIMATED CHINESE ADOPTION COSTS [\(Refund Policy\)](#)

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.

***For families adopting two children concurrently, there will be an additional \$2,000 Lifeline Agency fee and families should also expect an additional \$10,000 to \$11,000 in travel expenses.**

[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
China Humanitarian Aid	\$	250.00
Chinese Liaison Fee	\$	1,500.00
Home Study Fee*	\$	1,500.00
Shipping Fees: All Documents	\$	195.00
General Translation Fee	\$	50.00
Post Adoption Services*	\$	1,750.00
Post Adoption Translation Fee	\$	70.00
Special Needs Processing Fee – per child due at PA	\$	100.00

**Fees applicable only to IN-STATE families – out-of-state families will be charged for these services by a home study provider in their state of residence. There will be a home study fee (typically \$1,500) plus post-adoption services charged by a home study provider in your state of residence for out-of-state families.*

In-state Residents: *[Agency Fees listed above are to be paid in 5 installments.](#)*

\$250.00 paid with application	\$	250.00
\$2,603.75 paid upon acceptance(\$250 is humanitarian aid; \$100 SN)	\$	2,603.75
\$2,603.75 payable at the completion of home study	\$	2,603.75
\$2,603.75 paid when dossier is sent to China	\$	2,603.75
\$2,603.75 paid when child's referral is accepted (LOA)	\$	2,603.75

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Out-of-State Residents: *Agency Fees listed above are to be paid in 5 installments.*

\$250.00 paid with application	\$	250.00
\$1991.25 paid upon application acceptance (\$250 is humanitarian aid; \$100 is SN Processing Fee)	\$	1,991.25
\$1891.25 payable at the completion of home study	\$	1,891.25
\$1891.25 paid when dossier is sent to China	\$	1,891.25
\$1891.25 paid when child’s referral is accepted (LOA)	\$	1,891.25
Total Agency Fees (in-state families):	\$	10,365.00
Total Out-of-state fees:	\$	7,915.00

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.

Fingerprint Fee (For Home Study)	\$	108.00
Out of State Homestudy Review for Families using Non – Hague Accredited Agencies	\$	500.00
Medical Reports (varies depending on health insurance coverage)*		
Passport pictures (8 copies)	\$	20.00
Passports for two parents	\$	240.00
Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee (for 2 adults)	\$	890.00
NCFA Parent Training	\$	275.00
International Adoption Clinic	\$	150.00
Birth Certificates (1 copy of each)	\$	26.00
Marriage License (1 copy)	\$	13.00
Fed Ex Fees (dossier sent to Lifeline)	\$	45.00
State certifications (\$5/doc) Based on 13 documents	\$	65.00
Dossier County Certification (\$3/doc) Based on Alabama	\$	39.00
Healthy Dossier Translation fee (sent with dossier to be translated in China)	\$	310.00
** <i>Special Needs Dossier Translation fee (\$70 wiring fee)</i>	\$	*160.00
Healthy China Center of Adoption Affairs fee (sent with dossier)	\$	760.00
** <i>Special needs CCCWA fee (\$50 wiring fee)</i>	\$	*490.00
<i>*Medical expenses for the home study may or may not be covered by your health insurance plan. Please speak with your insurance company for details.</i>		
<i>**Consult your Lifeline social worker regarding this fee- it is not included in the total out of pocket expenses.</i>		
Estimated Out Of Pocket Expense	\$	3,441.00

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ESTIMATED IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES WHILE IN CHINA

(for two people from Los Angeles)

Note: The following estimated In-country Expenses will be paid either 1) in a wire to China, 2) directly to the provider or 3) will be hand carried to China as indicated by your Travel Advisor. This estimated amount is based on travel for two adults to and from mainland China, including all in-country fees with the exception of lunches/dinners, personal spending money and hotel bellboy tips.

International Flights	\$	3,000.00
Hotel Accommodations	\$	1,400.00
In-Country Flights	\$	700.00
Food	\$	460.00
Parent visas	\$	200.00
Guide/Service Fees	\$	500.00
Transportation/Tours	\$	750.00
Guide/Driver Tips	\$	200.00
Official Fees	\$	7,000.00
Visit to Orphanage	\$	300.00
Estimated In-Country Expenses	\$	14,510.00

ADDITIONAL POST-ADOPTION COSTS

Note: The following estimated Post-Adoption Expenses will be paid out of pocket after you return home with your child. These post adoption costs are not included in the estimated total as they vary by state.

Attorney Fees/Court Cost	\$	480.00
Court report for Re-Adoption	\$	50.00
Citizenship Certificate- NSN referrals/single spouse travel only	\$	420.00
Estimated Post-Adoption Cost	\$	950.00

<i>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST BEFORE TAX CREDIT (IN-STATE)</i>	\$	28,616.00
<i>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST BEFORE TAX CREDIT (OUT OF STATE)</i>	\$	25,866.00
2009 Adoption Tax Credit**	\$	(13,170.00)
<i>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST AFTER TAX CREDIT (IN-STATE)</i>	\$	15,446.00
<i>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST AFTER TAX CREDIT (OUT OF STATE)</i>	\$	12,696.00

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*Please note that it is impossible to accurately predict expenses due to possible cost changes and location of child. Agency fees are valid for one month of receiving application.

** Not all adoptive couples will qualify for the Adoption Tax Credit. Please contact your accountant or the IRS for a complete list of requirements.

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

Husband's Signature

Wife's Signature

Date: _____