

Fees

ESTIMATED COSTA RICAN 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.

AGENCY FEES

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

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| Application Fee | \$ 250.00 |
| Lifeline Children's Services Fee | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Costa Rica Humanitarian Aid | \$ 250.00 |
| Costa Rican Liaison Fee | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Home Study Fee* | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Shipping Fees: All documents | \$ 200.00 |
| Post Adoption Services* | \$ 750.00 |
| Post Adoption Deposit** | \$ 500.00 |
| Post Adoption Translation | \$ 200.00 |

**Fees applicable only to AL, KY, GA & WA families.*

***A \$500 deposit will be charged to out-of-state families for post-placement services. The home study fee will be given by the home study provider in their state of residence. There will be a home study fee that the home study provider will give to non-AL, GA KY, or WA families.*

Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky & Washington State Residents: [Agency Fees listed above are to be paid in 5 installments.](#)

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| Paid with application | \$ 250.00 |
| Paid upon acceptance(\$250 is humanitarian aid; \$100 SN) | \$ 2,225.00 |
| Payable at the completion of home study | \$ 2,225.00 |
| Paid when dossier is sent to Costa Rica | \$ 2,225.00 |
| \$2,237.50 paid when child's referral is accepted | \$ 2,225.00 |

Out-of-State Residents: [Agency Fees listed above are to be paid in 5 installments.](#)

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| Paid with application | \$ 250.00 |
| Paid upon application acceptance | \$ 1,787.50 |
| Payable at the completion of home study | \$ 1,787.50 |
| Paid when dossier is sent to Costa Rica | \$ 1,787.50 |
| Paid when child's referral is accepted | \$ 1,787.50 |

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| Total Agency Fees (AL, GA, KY & WA State Residents): | \$ 9,150.00 |
| Total Out-of-state fees: | \$ 7,400.00 |

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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.

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| Fingerprint Fee (For Home Study) | \$ 102.50 |
| Out of State Home Study Review for families using Non-Hague Accredited Agencies | \$ 250.00 |
| Passport pictures (8 copies) | \$ 20.00 |
| Passports for two parents | \$ 240.00 |
| Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee (includes fingerprinting for 2adults) | \$ 890.00 |
| NCFA Parent Training | \$ 175.00 |
| International Adoption Clinic Seminar | \$ 150.00 |
| Birth Certificates (1 copy of each) | \$ 26.00 |
| Marriage License (1 copy) | \$ 13.00 |
| Psychological evaluation | \$ 700.00 |
| Dossier apostille (\$5/doc) | \$ 140.00 |
| FedEx fees (dossier sent to Lifeline) | \$ 45.00 |
| Fees in Peru | \$ 1,530.00 |
| Dossier Translation fee (sent with dossier to be translated in Peru): | \$ 800.00 |
| Document fees, representative expenses: | \$ 400 |
| Legalization of documents in Peru (\$10/doc): | \$ 280 |
| Wiring fee: | \$ 50 |
| Medical Reports for home study (varies depending on health insurance coverage)* | |
| Medical Reports for dossier (varies depending on health insurance coverage)* | |
| Child File Translation | \$ 400** |

**Medical expenses for the home study and the dossier may or may not be covered by your health insurance*

plan. Please speak with your insurance company for details.

***This is strictly an estimate and will vary depending on the number of pages in a file and the number of files your family reviews.*

Estimated Subtotal \$4,681.50

Sub-Total U.S. Fees (AL, GA, KY & WA) \$ 13,831.50

Sub-Total U.S. Fees (out-of-state) \$ 12,081.50

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ESTIMATED IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES WHILE IN COSTA RICA

(Based on 60 days in-country)

Note: The following estimated In-country Expenses will be paid either 1) in a wire to Costa Rica, 2) directly to the provider or 3) will be hand carried to Costa Rica as indicated by your Travel Advisor.

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| Airfare (tickets for two adults) | \$ | 2,200.00 |
| Airfare for one child | \$ | 600.00 |
| Translator/Guide fee (\$40/day) | \$ | 1,200.00 |
| Representative Fee/legal fee | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| Hotel Accommodations | \$ | 3,600.00 |
| In San Jose: \$60/night | | |
| In Region: \$50-55/night | | |
| Accommodations for guide (if you must travel outside of San Jose) | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Transportation in Costa Rica* | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Food (\$40/day) | \$ | 2,400.00 |
| Medical exam for one child | \$ | 55.00 |
| Birth certificate for one child | \$ | 20.00 |
| Passport, visa and paperwork for one child | \$ | 450.00 |

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

Estimated In-Country Expenses **\$ 16,025.00**

ADDITIONAL POST-ADOPTION COSTS

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

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| Attorney Fees/Court Cost (AL ONLY) | \$ | 480.00 |
| Court report for Re-Adoption | \$ | 50.00 |
| <i>*Out-of-state couples need to consult with their agencies for post-placement service fees and legal fees .</i> | | |
| Estimated Post-Adoption Service Fees | \$ | 530.00 |

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| ESTIMATED TOTAL COST BEFORE TAX CREDIT (AL, KY, GA & WA) | \$ | 30,386.50 |
| ESTIMATED TOTAL COST BEFORE TAX CREDIT (OUT OF STATE) | \$ | 26,636.50 |
| 2009 Adoption Tax Credit** | \$ | (13,170.00) |

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| ESTIMATED TOTAL COST AFTER TAX CREDIT (AL, KY, GA & WA) | \$ | 17,216.50 |
| ESTIMATED TOTAL COST AFTER TAX CREDIT (OUT OF STATE) | \$ | 15,466.50 |

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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: _____