

Adoption Cost Breakdowns

	CHINA	ETHIOPIA	INDEPENDENT DOMESTIC INFANT	AGENCY DOMESTIC INFANT	FOSTER ADOPTION ²
Preparation					
Homestudy	\$1,000–\$3,000	\$1,000–\$3,000	\$1,000–\$2,000	\$1,000–\$2,000	\$0–\$500
Documentation & authentication	\$1,000–\$3,000	\$1,000–\$3,000	\$500–\$1,000	\$800–\$1,200	
I-600 visa application	\$700–\$900	\$700–\$900			
Postage/Telephone	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	
Adoption					
Application fee	\$150–\$600	\$150–\$600		\$100–\$600	
Program fee	\$5,000–\$10,000	\$10,000–\$15,000		\$5,000–\$15,000	
Child's passport/visa	\$300–\$400	\$200–\$500			
Child's medical exams	\$100–\$200	\$300–\$600			
Gifts	\$100–\$200	\$100–\$200			
Foreign fees	\$2,000				
Orphanage donation	\$5,000				
Post-placement fees ¹	\$300–\$1,000	\$500–\$2,000	\$400–\$1,000		
Attorney fees			\$5,000–\$15,000	\$1,000–\$6,000	\$0–\$1,000
Advertising/Networking			\$0–\$5,000		
Birth family counseling			\$500–\$2,500	\$700–\$2,500	
Birthmother expenses			\$0–\$6,000	\$0–\$5,000	
Foster care			\$0–\$1,000	\$0–\$1,000	
Travel					
(Airfare, hotels, etc.)	\$5,000–\$15,000	\$5,000–\$10,000	\$0–\$5,000	\$0–\$3,000	\$0–\$2,000
Average Cost					
(Before tax credit)	\$20,000–\$40,000	\$30,000–\$40,000	\$20,000–\$40,000	\$20,000–\$45,000	\$0–\$3,500
Tax Credit ³					
Maximum credit	\$13,190 per finalization	\$13,190 per finalization	\$13,190 per attempt	\$13,190 per attempt	\$13,190

Notes

- (1) May be included in program fee or homestudy fee.
- (2) Costs of adopting a child from foster care may be eligible for reimbursement (up to \$2,000) by the child's state, depending on state regulations. Also, adoptions of U.S. children with special needs are eligible for the full federal tax credit, regardless of actual expenses.
- (3) Subject to income limitations.