



Fee Schedule – United States Outgoing Program

Description of Services for Adoption Expenses-US ⁱ	Refundable	Fees	Payable to/When Due
Application Fee	No	\$450	PAA/Due upon submission of Application
Hague Processing Fee (1 st Part)	No	\$3,475	PAA/Due with receipt of Parent(s) dossier
File Activation Fee	No	\$3,500	PAA/Due upon Match with Birth Parent(s)
Hague Processing Fee (2 nd Part)*	Yes	\$3,475	PAA/Due upon Letter of Acceptance
Placement Fee**	Yes	\$17,500	PAA/Due 4 weeks prior to due date
Attorney Fees or Legal Services	No	\$3,000	PAA/Due at various times in the adoption plan
Birth Parent Expenses*	Partial	\$1,200-22,000	PAA/Due upon Match with Birth Parent(s)
Contributions ⁱⁱ	N/A	\$0	N/A

Total **\$32,600 – 53,400**

Additional Biological Sibling Adopted at the Same Time \$3,500 due at placement.

Services paid in Receiving Country	Refundable	Fees	Payable to/When Due
Home Study ⁱⁱⁱ	No	\$1,500-3,000	Receiving Central Authority or Supervised Provider/Due prior to admittance in PAA's intercountry program
Post Placement Reports ^{iv}	No	\$1,000-5,000	Receiving Central Authority or Supervised Provider/Due after placement
Translation and Document Expenses ^v	No	\$0-300	Translator or Receiving Country Government Official/Due at requested service
Receiving Country Agency/Attorney Expenses ^{**vi}	No	\$10,000-22,000	Receiving Country Agency or Attorney/Due at requested service

Total**\$12,500 - 30,300**

3rd Party Estimated Expenses	Refundable	Fees	Payable to/When Due
Authentications/Apostille of Documents ^{vii}	No	\$300	Government Official/Due at requested service
US Passport for Child ^{viii}	No	\$80	US Department of State/Due in passport application
Passport Expedition Services ^{ix}	No	\$250	Expedition company/Due in passport application
Overnight Mailings ^x	No	\$500	FedEx/Due when mailings are issued
Flight/Hotel for up to 2 months in the US ^{xi}	No	\$8,000	Flight and Hotel business/Due upon requested services
Cradle Care or Care of the Child ^{xii}	No	\$0-1,000	Cradle Care Company/Due upon requested services

Total**\$9,130 - 10,130******Estimated Grand Total****\$54,230 – 93,830**

Cost of medical care, testing, etc. of the child is not included in the fees and is the responsibility of the Prospective Adoptive Parent(s).

Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) who are waiting for a child referral, waiting for placement of a child referral, and prior to adoption finalization are not permitted to provide charitable contributions to PAA.^{xiii}

Post Adoption Reports are not required for PAA's intercountry outgoing program. Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) will only need to complete Post Placement Reports in order to finalize an outgoing adoption from the United States.

How fees and expenses must be paid: Fees paid to PAA may be paid by credit/debit card, wire transfer, personal check, or cashier's check. All fees must be paid in full to PAA in order to proceed with a scheduled finalization hearing. (96.40(a)).

Conditions when fees or expenses may be waived, reduced or refunded: *All fees are paid incrementally at the time of service and are non-refundable, except in the case whether the birth mother changes her mind about placement. In the event a birth mother determines she will not place her child, Parent(s) will receive a refund on any living expenses not yet expended by Premier, the 2nd part of the Hague Processing Fee (if paid), and the Placement Fee (if paid) if this were to happen. Premier returns any funds to which the Parent(s) may be entitled pursuant to this refund policy within sixty (60) days of the completion of the delivery of services. Under no other conditions will fees be waived, reduced or refunded. (96.40(a), 96.40(h)).

***The cost of operating a reliable and trustworthy intercountry adoption program is substantial. Unfortunately, the costs seem to continually increase often due to additional regulations and compliance requirements under State, Federal and the Intercountry Adoption Act, conventions, treaties as well as gas prices/inflation/devaluation of currency. Therefore, it is impossible to predict the exact cost you will incur during your adoption journey. We have provided you with realistic estimates of all costs that you will likely incur. Please note that while we do not anticipate it, program fees may be increased for circumstances that are unforeseen and unanticipated. Please be aware of our policy for unforeseen and unanticipated expenses. If at any time during the process unexpected fees

become necessary, PAA is authorized to make payments to cover those fees and bill our account, only if those fee amounts are less than \$1,000. PAA will contact us in writing with an explanation of why any additional fee is necessary to complete our adoption before making payments over \$1,000. PAA will provide receipts for fees and expenses paid and will retain copies of such receipts.

ⁱ **Adoption expenses in the United States** (96.40(b)(2)): Adoption expenses in the United States are the expected total fees and estimated expenses for all adoption services other than the home study that will be provided in the United States. This category includes, but is not limited to, personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education, communications and publications costs, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the United States. As stated herein, the estimated total expenses in the United States are \$32,600 - \$53,400. It should be noted that this category is also inclusive of expenses for services in the child's country of origin, as the child's country of origin is also the United States.

Foreign country program expenses (96.40(b)(3)): Foreign country program expenses are the expected total fees and estimated expenses for all adoption services that will be provided in the child's country of origin. This category includes, but is not limited to, costs for personnel, administrative overhead, training, education, legal services, and communications, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the child's Convention country. As the child's country is the United States, and adoption expenses in the United States are disclosed in 96.40(b)(2), this category is not applicable. Adoption expenses paid in the United States are included in 96.40(b)(2) and adoption expenses paid to third parties in the receiving country are included in third party fees, per 96.40(c)(1).

ⁱⁱ **Contributions** (96.40(b)(6): A contribution is any fixed contribution amount or percentage that the Parent(s) will be expected or required to make to child protection or child welfare service programs in the child's country of origin, along with an explanation of the intended use of the contribution and the manner in which the transaction will be recorded and accounted for. This fee category is inapplicable in Premier's outgoing cases as no such contribution is required or permitted.

ⁱⁱⁱ **Home study** (96.40(b)(1)): This amount is for the expected total fees and estimated expenses for home study preparation and approval. Parent(s) home study will be completed by a supervised or exempted provider in Parent(s) location of residence and not by Premier. If required, however, Premier may approve the home study pursuant to 22 CFR 96.47(c). The cost may vary depending on Parent(s) home study provider selected.

^{iv} **Post-placement and post-adoption reports** (96.40(b)(7)): The post-placement fee is the expected total fees and estimated expenses for any post-placement or post-adoption reports that the Parent(s) must prepare in light of any requirements of the expected country of origin.

^v **Translation and document expenses** ((96.40(b)(5)): Translation and document expenses are the expected total fees and estimated expenses for obtaining any necessary documents and for any translation of documents related to the adoption, along with information on whether the Parent(s) will be expected to pay such costs directly or to third parties, either in the United States or abroad, or through Premier. This category includes, but is not limited to, costs for obtaining, translating, or copying records or documents required to complete the adoption, costs for the child's court documents, passport, adoption certificate and other documents related to the adoption, and costs for notarizations and certifications. This estimated expense will be required on a case-by-case basis.

^{vi} **Receiving Country program expenses paid to third party** (96.40(c)(1)): Third party fees are the expected total fees and estimated expenses for services that the Parent(s) will be responsible to pay directly to a third party when not already disclosed as a part of the categories identified in 22 CFR 96.40(b). The third party to whom the Parent(s) will pay the fees are listed herein. Such third-party fees include, but are not limited to, fees to competent authorities for services rendered or Central Authority processing fees.

^{vii} Authentications/Apostilles are included in the category of fees entitled **Translation and document expenses** (96.40(b)(5).

^{viii} The U.S. Passport for the child is a **third-party fee** paid in the sending country (96.40(c)(1). Third party fees are the expected total fees and estimated expenses for services that the Parent(s) will be responsible to pay directly to a third party when not already disclosed as a part of the categories identified in 22 CFR 96.40(b).

^{ix} The U.S. Passport expedite fee is a **third-party fee** paid in the sending country (96.40(c)(1)).

^x Mailings are included in the category of fees entitled **Translation and document expenses** (96.40(b)(5)).

^{xi} **Travel and accommodation expenses** (96.40(c)(2)): Travel and accommodation expenses are the expected total fees and estimated expenses for any travel, transportation, and accommodation services arranged by the Premier for the prospective adoptive parent(s).

^{xii} **Care of the Child** (96.40(b)(4)): The care of the child expenses are the expected total fees and estimated expenses charged to Parent(s) for the care of the child in the country of origin prior to adoption, including, but not limited to, costs for food, clothing, shelter and medical care; foster care services; orphanage care; and any other services provided directly to the child. There is typically no fee associated with this service where the Parent(s) take custody of the child directly following birth from the hospital. If Parent(s) do not take placement from the hospital, this estimated expense may be incurred.