

Minnesota Adoption Agency Resource Chart

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1 Bethany Christian Services 3025 Harbor Lane N, Suite 316 Plymouth, MN 55447 763-553-0344 www.bethany.org/plymouth	1. 6 months 2. \$950-\$3700 3. Yes 4. No 5. Yes	Ethiopia	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral of infant: 12-18 months Referral of 2+ year old: 6-12 months Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$23,650-\$27,050	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 1 year with 5 years preferred 25-45 years old for infant or 50+ for older child Single females accepted 	5-10 days	0
		China	9 months to 12 years old; mostly girls and some boys with minor needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 29+ months after dossier log-in date Wait after referral: 6-10 weeks 	\$25,770-\$26,020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years or 5 years if previously divorced 30-45 years old: May be assigned a child approximately 6-12 months of age 46-49 years old: May be assigned a child one to three years of age 50+ years old: Do not meet the guidelines for adopting a healthy child, but may be eligible for older children or those with placement special needs Max 4 children in family No singles accepted 	12-14 days	9
		Hong Kong	6 months to 15 years old for special placement needs only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting children only Wait after referral: 6-8 months 	\$16,550-\$19,450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-50 years old (may be older than 50 for older children) Singles accepted 	Preferred (4-7 travel days, if chosen)	0
		Philippines	2-14 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 24 months (and increasing) Wait after referral: 4-6 months 	\$20,350-\$23,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 27-45 years old 	3-7 days	0
		South Korea	6-18 months old for healthy infants and 3 months to 5 years old for special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral of infant boys and girls: 12-16 months Wait after referral: 3-6 months 	\$28,225-\$33,655	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-43 years old Healthy infants placed only in GA, MI, IN, IL, WI 	Not required (4-7 travel days, if chosen)	0
		Colombia (CRAN)	3-15 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-38 years old, 25-50 years for older children or those with special placement needs Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs 	6-8+ weeks	0
		Colombia (Ayudame)	3 months to 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,941	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-38 years old Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs and children over 4 yrs Childless couples only for healthy infants 	6-8+ weeks	0
		Colombia (Chiquitines)	3 months to 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,942	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-38 years old Single female applicants accepted for children with special placement needs 	5-8 weeks	0
		Colombia (Los Pisingos)	3 months to 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,943	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 25-38 years old Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs Childless couples only for healthy infants 	6-8+ weeks	0
		Colombia (ICBF)	9 months to 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral of infants & toddlers: 36+ months Referral of children 5+ yrs old: varies Wait after referral: 1-4 months 	\$29,280-\$34,944	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years 25-38 years old Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs 	6-8 weeks	0
		Haiti	Birth to 6 years for healthy and special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-10 months for boys and 9-12 months for girls Wait after referral: 12-18 months 	\$22,890-\$24,150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 7 years 30-50 years old 35 years old minimum for single female applicant Maximum of 2 children accepted Statement of Faith is required 	3-5 days	0
		Albania	2-15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 2-3 years Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$27,494-\$29,994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-50 years old Single female applicants accepted 	45+ days or 2 trips. Bonding period can be 2 days – 3 months	0
		Kazakhstan	1-15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blind referral and invitation to travel: 6-12 months after dossier received in country Wait after referral: n/a (Referral occurs while family is in country) 	\$42,850-\$46,150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age not specified No single applicants accepted No more than 45 years between ages of mother and child 	45-50 days or two trips. 1st trip 3 wks and 2nd trip 7-10 days	0
		Lithuania	2-14 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-12 months with proven Lithuanian heritage after placed on registry and up to 3 years if no Lithuanian heritage Wait after referral: 2-4 months 	\$28,689-\$35,989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-48 years at application Maximum 45 years between ages of parent and child Single female applicants with Lithuanian heritage accepted 	1st trip is 1 wk and 2nd trip is 10-14 days	0
Russia	18 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 8-10 months (longer for a female) and 4-6 months for older child Wait after referral: 2-6 months 	varies greatly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of marriage/children in family varies No more than 45 years between ages of parent and child Single applicants accepted in some regions Childless couples cannot specify gender Must be U.S. citizens 	1st trip is 1 wk and 2nd trip is 4 wks	1		
Ukraine	3-15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 8-12 months after dossier received in Ukraine Wait after referral: n/a 	\$38,350-\$41,550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marriage length varies No more than 45 yrs between the age of the child and the oldest parent No singles accepted 	7-8 weeks	0		

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2 Children's Home Society & Family Services 1605 Eustis Street St Paul, MN 55108 651-646-6393 www.chsfs.org	ADOPTION STUDY 1. How long until approved? 2. How much does it cost? 3. Do you provide AS for MN residents adopting out-of-state? 4. Do you honor AS from another agency? 5. Is AP entitled to keep AS? 1. 3-4 months 2. sliding fee based on income 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	China	7 months and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral; 3+ years for families currently receiving referrals (anticipated to increase to 4+ years) 	\$8,580 - \$12,150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years or 5 years if divorced 30-49 years old (couples 50-54 may be considered for WIC) Must be in excellent health and have a Body Mass Index (BMI) no greater than 40 0-4 children currently living in home and youngest must be at least 1 year old when dossier is sent to China At least a high school education with high school diploma or equivalent Minimum income \$30k + \$10k/child living in home. Net worth minimum of \$80k 	2 week stay. One parent must travel. Travel in groups	80
		Korea	5 months and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-6 months for boys and 9-12 months for girls Wait after referral: 3-4 months 	\$14,350 (WIC) - \$17,350 (General Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years at adoption study approval and no more than one divorce per spouse 25-44 years old with less than 15 years between spouses Minimum income \$35k 0-4 children in the family and if 0 must be open to gender No serious health issues, including weight High school+ education For families in MN, IA, Western WI, DC, MD and VA. Others may adopt through the WIC program Married couples with one or both spouses of Korean descent may adopt through the general Korea Program regardless of state of residence 	1 week stay. Escort option possible for \$3,500	150
		Taiwan	3 years old through school age (all with special needs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to travel: 4-7 months 	\$4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples, 30-45 years old (over 45 on a case-by-case basis) and in good health Children with special needs only Adoption study-ready applicants only 	Travel required for one or both spouses. One-week trip, approx.	new
		Nepal	4 years and older; younger children with special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 6-12 months Wait after referral: 2-8 months 	\$13,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 4 years at least 31 years old Single women 35-55 years old No more than 50 years and no fewer than 30 years between youngest parent and child Can have up to 4 children in the family if they are of the same gender Must be open to gender (if you have a child or children in the home you will receive referral of opposite gender) Must own your home No serious health issues or criminal background issues accepted 	One trip: 1-2 weeks. One parent must travel	new
		India	Infants and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for details on wait times 	\$9,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 5 years 30-55 years old All parents must be 43 or under to adopt a child 12-18 months 0-3 children currently in family Kerala requires statement of infertility Married couples that are OCI card holders or couples in which one parent carries an Indian passport may adopt through the regular India program Some flexibility for families adopting waiting children 	1 week stay	33
		Russia	12 months and older, but faster process for children over 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 2-6 months for boys and 10-18 months for girls Wait after referral: 3-5 months 	\$18,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples or single women Recommended age difference between mother and child is < 47 years Serious health issues, including depression, considered on a case-by-case basis 	2 trips required: 1st trip is 5-7 days and 2nd trip is 3-4 weeks	71
		Uzbekistan	3 years and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 3-4 months Wait after referral: 6-9 months 	\$18,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples (mother must be age 45 or under) No serious health issues, including depression (past or present) Families cannot have more than 4 children currently in the home 	One trip: 1 1/2 months. Two trips: 1st trip is 5-7 days and 2nd trip is 3-4 weeks	new
		Ukraine	5 years and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait after referral: 12-14 months after dossier submission 	\$6,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples The age difference between adoptive parents and adopted children cannot exceed 45 years Serious health issues, including depression, considered on a case-by-case basis 	Travel will be approx. 5-6 weeks. Can be done in 1 trip or split up into two trips. Call for details	1 (pilot program)
		Ethiopia	Infants and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 12 months Wait after referral: 3-4 months 	\$8,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 1 year Priority given to Ethiopian Americans The age difference between the youngest parent and child cannot exceed 50 years and maximum age for parents is 58 First-time parents and families adopting siblings must be open to gender 	1 week stay. Escort possible for \$3,500	276
		Mexico	5 years and older, but younger children available with special needs and sibling groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 0-8 months Wait after referral: 4 weeks 	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years or 3 years if previously divorced Couples and single women allowed 25-50 years old, but over 50 may be considered for WIC No serious health issues 	2 trips required: 1st trip is 10 days and 2nd trip is 3-5 weeks	new
		Colombia	Colombian American families eligible to adopt infants and older; WIC - open to all families; children of all ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral for children 7 years and up: 12 months or less Call for details on referral times for Colombian American families and WIC Program Wait after referral: 1-2 months 	\$4,000-\$14,500 (\$4,000-\$7,000 for WIC incl. sibling groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples (prefer 3 years of marriage) 25-38 years old can adopt a child 3 years old and under 39-41 years old can adopt a child 3-4 years old 42-44 years old can adopt a child 5-6 years old 45 years old and more can adopt a child age 7 and up Single women can adopt children age 7 and up; single men can adopt boys age 8 and up First-time parents must be open to gender Some flexibility for families adopting waiting children 	Approx. 6-8 week stay in Bogota and approx. 4 week stay outside of Bogota. Both parents must stay for 10 days and then one parent can leave	17

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		Peru	See <i>Waiting Angels</i> website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 2 years and up (referral time begins when Peru approves dossier which can take up to 6 months) Wait after referral: 1-2 months 	\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years 25-55 years old Single women or single men (single men are eligible to adopt children 8 years and up) 30-45 years old Age requirements may be flexible 	25-30 day stay. Both parents stay until adoption decree is signed (~15 days from placement) and then one parent can leave	7
3 Crossroads Adoption Services 4600 West 77th Street, #200 Minneapolis, MN 55435 (952) 831-5707 www.crossroadsadoption.com	1. 1-6 months 2. \$2600-\$3500 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	China	Infant girls and boys and girls 0-12 years old with special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 24 months or more Wait after referral: 2-3 months Special needs cases are expedited 	\$13,500-\$15,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples 30-50 years old for infants and 30-55 years old for special needs Some health and weight restrictions 	One or both parents may travel. Stay is 2 weeks.	16
		Colombia	Infant boys and girls (no gender pref.); older children and sibling groups available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 12 months Wait after referral: 1-3 weeks 	\$10,000-\$19,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples 25-38 years old for infants Age restrictions are flexible if adopting older children 	Stay 4-5 weeks. One parent may return after 2-3 weeks.	15
		Philippines	Infant boys and girls 1 year and older school age children and siblings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 12-36 months Wait after referral: 3-5 months 	\$9500-\$11,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years or 5 years if divorced 1 divorce per person allowed 	Stay 1 week	10
		Thailand	Relative and school age boys and girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 24-36 months Wait after referral: 4 months 	\$6,700-\$8,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married couples or singles Some other restrictions may apply 	Stay 2 weeks	0
4 European Children Adoption Services 6050 Cheshire Lane North Plymouth, MN 55446 763-694-6131 www.ecasus.org	1. 2 months 2. \$2600 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	Russia	Infants and children 10 months to 16 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 4-8 months Wait after referral: 1 month 	\$15,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 1 year Couples and single women 25-55 years old 	2 trips. 1st trip 4-5 days and 2nd trip 9-19 days	14
		Ukraine	Children and siblings from 14 months to 16 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> invitation to travel: 4 months Wait after invite: 1 month 	\$11,500-\$14,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married for at least 1 year Married couples 25-55 years old Maximum 45 years age different between parents and child 	25-35 totals days in either 1 trip or in 2 trips	1
5 Hand in Hand International Adoptions 1360 University Ave. West., #176 St. Paul, MN 55104 651-917-0384 www.hihiadopt.org	1. 4-6 weeks 2. \$2500 3. No 4. No 5. Yes	China	6 months to 10 years old; mostly girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 19-24 months Wait after referral: 1-2 months 	\$17,980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years or 5 years if divorced 30-50 years old (maximum 45 for infants) 	10-14 days	32
		Haiti	6 months and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 1-2 months Wait after referral: 9-12 months 	\$17,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 2 years 30-45 years old (maximum 45 years old for infants) Practicing Christian 	One of both parents travel for 3-5 days	4
		Philippines	6 months to 15 years and mostly boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 12-24 months Wait after referral: 4 months 	\$14,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 3 years 27 years old minimum (maximum 43 years old for children under 2) Practicing Christian 	One of both parents travel for 7-10 days	13
		Russia	9 months to 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 1-12 months Wait after referral: 2-16 weeks 	\$24,400-\$30,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No maximum age, but often preferred that parents are no more than 45 years older than child 	2 trips. First trip is 3-7 days and second trip is 3-10 days. One of both parents travel.	31
		Ukraine	13 months to 15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 4-6 months Wait after referral: 1-4 weeks 	\$24,300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	1 trip of 4 weeks or 2 trips of approximately 2 weeks and 1 week	1
6 HOPE Adoption & Family Services International Inc. 5850 Omaha Ave. N. Oak Park Hts., MN 55082 651-439-2446 www.hopeadoptionsservices.org	1. 3-4 months 2. \$1700-\$3500 3. Yes 4. Depends 5. Yes Agency works through many other partner agencies to facilitate adoptions world-wide. They do child placements just through the Philippines.	Philippines	6 months to 10 years old and many more boys than girls. Special needs, as well.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral: 18 months Wait after referral: 3-4 months 	\$14,050-\$15,850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married at least 1 year or 5 years if divorced Single female applications for special needs children 43 years old maximum difference between parent and child 	1 week	2

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7 Lutheran Social Services 2400 Park Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404 612-879-5230 www.minnesotaadoption.org	1. 2-3 months 2. \$2,000 3. Yes 4. No 5. Yes	Colombia (private orphanages)	4 months to 16 years old; single children and sibling groups; some medical special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral 0-3 yrs: 18-24 months • Referral 3-6 yrs+: 12-36 months • Wait after referral: 3-4 weeks 	\$35,650 (includes travel expenses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married at least 1 year • Must be open to children of either gender (preference can be stated for older children) • Ages 25-35: considered for children 0-35 months • Ages 36-41: considered for children 36-59 months • Ages 42-44: considered for children 60-83 months • Ages 45+: considered for children 84 months and older • Single women considered for children 7+ years of age and/or children with medical special needs • Prefer families with no more than 1 child currently in home 	4-7 weeks in 1 trip; both parents expected to travel; one parent may depart after two weeks, if necessary	9
		Colombia (ICBF)	12 months to 16 years old; single children and sibling groups; some medical special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral 1-3 yrs: 36+ months • Referral 3-6 yrs+: 12-36 months • Wait after referral: 3-4 weeks 	\$25,650 (includes travel expenses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married at least 1 year • Must be open to children of either gender (preference can be stated for older children) • Ages 25-35: considered for children 12-35 months • Ages 36-41: considered for children 36-59 months • Ages 42-44: considered for children 60-83 months • Ages 45+: considered for children 84 months and older • Single women considered for children 7+ years of age and/or children with medical special needs • Prefer families with no more than 2 children currently in home 	4-7 weeks in 1 trip; both parents expected to travel; one parent may depart after two weeks, if necessary	5
8 New Horizons Frost Benco Building, Hwy 254 Frost, MN 56033 507-878-3200 www.nhadoptionagency.com	1. 2-3 months 2. \$3350-\$3650 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	Liberia	All ages	Unavailable	\$8,380	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married at least 2 years • Minimum age of 25 years old. Special approval for anyone over 40 	1-2 weeks	0
		Sri Lanka	All ages	Unavailable	\$15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 25 years old 	4 weeks	0
		Uganda	All ages	Unavailable	\$13,900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married at least 2 years • Minimum age of 25 years old. Special approval for anyone over 40 	4-5 weeks	3
		Ukraine	2 years old and older	Unavailable	\$17,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married at least 1 year • 24-50 years old with no more than 45 years difference between parents and child 	2 trips. 1st trip 2-3 weeks and 2nd trip 1 week	0