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Intercountry Adoption Program Fee Summary

DESCRIPTION	FEE	PAYMENT TERMS
REGISTRATION / MINNESOTA FAMILIES One-time, non-refundable registration fee for all programs. Waived for families returning for second (or subsequent) adoptions.	$50	Due with completed registration form
REGISTRATION / NON-MINNESOTA FAMILIES One-time, non-refundable registration fee for all programs. Waived for families returning for second (or subsequent) adoptions.	$250	Due with completed registration form
APPLICATION This fee covers costs associated with the opening of the adoption file, processing the application materials, securing references and performing background checks. This fee is non-refundable once application processing begins.	$500	Due with completed application
PRE-ADOPTION EDUCATION 16 hours of pre-adoption group education (including 10 hours of federally-mandated, Hague-approved training).	$250 per person	Due prior to training attendance
ADOPTION STUDY Home study, social work office and in-home interviews and study document preparation.	$2,000	Due at start of the adoption study
INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAM FEE - LSSMN PROGRAM For families adopting from an LSSMN country program, this program fee covers personnel, administrative, operational, communications and publication expenses and any other expenses related to providing adoption services in the United States.	$5,000	Due upon completion of the adoption study
INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAM FEE - LINKING PROGRAM For families who utilize the intercountry adoption program of separate agency, this fee covers personnel, administrative, operational, communications and publication expenses and any other expenses related to providing adoption services in the United States.	$1,000	Due upon completion of the adoption study
ANNUAL ADOPTION STUDY UPDATE FEE Annual maintenance of adoption study required by the State of Minnesota when an adoption has not been completed within one year of the original study. Update includes background checks and other documentation updates. Due at the start of the adoption study update.	$500	Due at the start of the adoption study update
POST-ADOPTION / POST-PLACEMENT SUPERVISION FEE Includes preparation of any agency-generated post-placement or post-adoption reports required by Minnesota state laws and the laws of the child's country of origin.	$1,500	Due at the start of the adoption study update
ADOPTION STUDY UPDATE (FOR SUBSEQUENT ADOPTIONS) Updating an adoption study following the completion of an adoption, for the purpose of a subsequent adoption. Includes all application materials, adoption worker interviews, home visit and study document preparation.	$1,350	Due with re-application
THIRD PARTY EXPENSES In addition to the Agency Fees listed above, families are responsible to pay the various third party expenses (e.g. USCIS fees, travel and lodging, etc.) required to complete an intercountry adoption. Please see our individual country information sheets (or consult your Placement Agency for non-LSSMN country programs) to learn more about the fees commonly incurred from a specific country.	$_____	Third Party fees are paid directly to the provider at time of service. Families are responsible to pay the fee that is current at the time service is provided.

LSSMN Agency Fee Schedule is effective **OCTOBER 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010**. Fees are charged for services provided, not for children. The payment of fees for services rendered does not guarantee the placement of a child. All fees, timelines and program requirements are subject to change. Fees are non-refundable once the service has been provided. LSSMN fees will be honored at the rate that is current when the service contract is received by LSSMN. Clients are responsible for non-LSSMN fees billed at the rate current when the service is provided. The Agency may reduce, waive or refund fees when 1) deemed by the Agency to be in the best Interests of the child; 2) requested by clients due to hardship; or 3) when paid for services which were not completed. Refunds, when granted, will be made within 60 days.