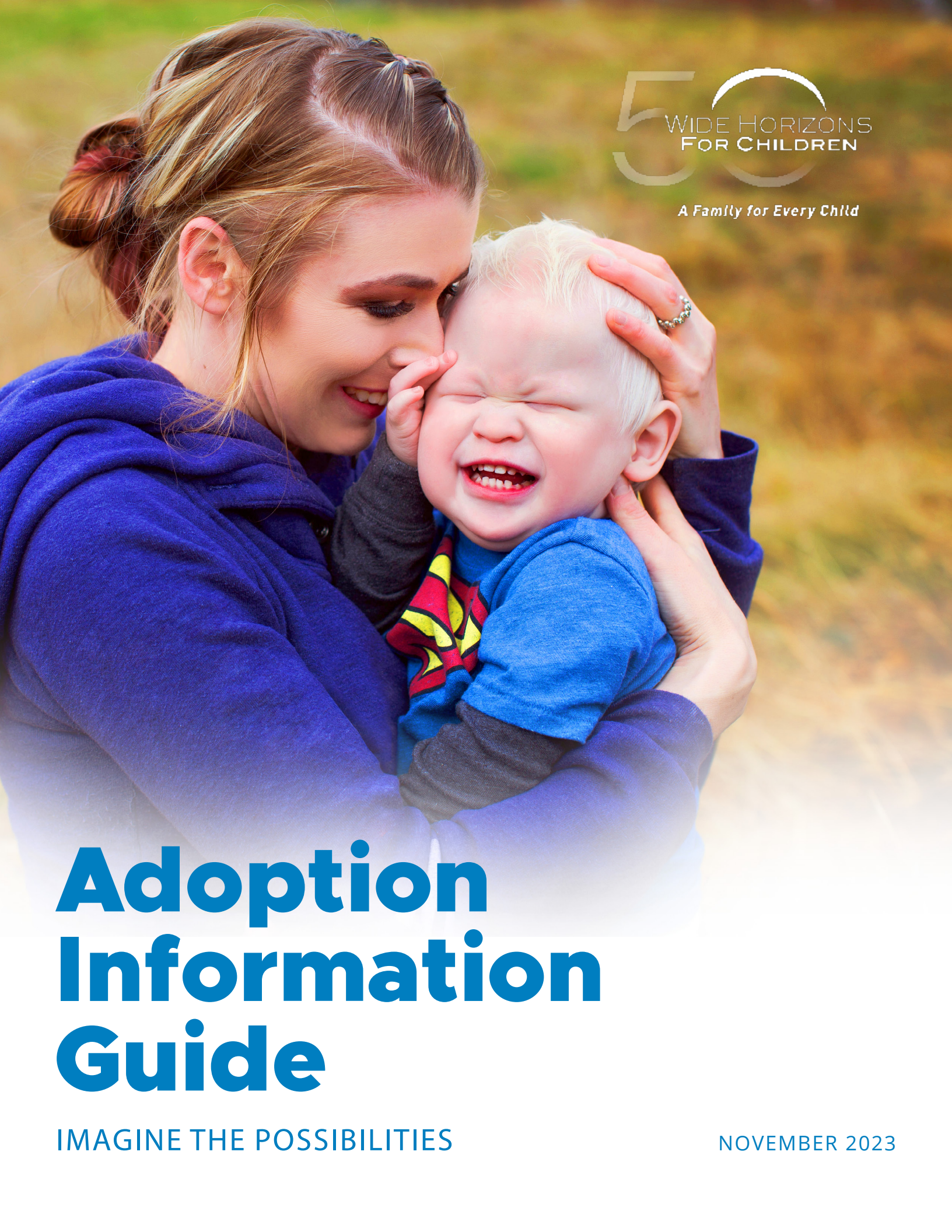




WIDE HORIZONS  
FOR CHILDREN

*A Family for Every Child*



# Adoption Information Guide

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES

NOVEMBER 2023

# DEAR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT,

Thank you for your interest in Wide Horizons For Children. We are so excited that you are taking the first step in your adoption journey.

As an adoptive parent myself, I know becoming an adoptive family is one of the most life-changing decisions you will make. And, Wide Horizons For Children is here to help every step of the way.

We are recognized as one of the nation's leading child welfare and adoption agencies and have helped place more than 13,000 children with loving families throughout the United States.

Our experienced adoption staff gives personalized service to every family working with us. Many of our staff members are adoptive parents or adoptees themselves or have other personal connections to adoption.

We work with trusted partners around the world and have long-standing adoption programs in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the United States.

And even after your adoption is complete, we have a range of post-adoption services that support our adoptive families and adoptees throughout their lives.

We offer free consultations with an adoption specialist who can explain the adoption process and start you on your journey.

**Book your free 30-minute consultation online at [whfc.org/adoption](http://whfc.org/adoption)**

Warm Regards,



**Janice Hoffman**  
CEO, President & Adoptive Parent



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# Decades of Building Families

## ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Adoption may be the most important, life-changing decision you'll ever make. We don't take the responsibility of building families lightly. Wide Horizons For Children has been dedicated to the well-being and security of vulnerable and orphaned children for 50 years. For many at Wide Horizons For Children, adoption is personal. Over 90% of our staff have either adopted a child themselves or have a close family member who has been touched by adoption.

**As you explore adoption options through Wide Horizons, here are some important things to know:**

- ✓ **We are Hague Accredited:** We regularly go through a rigorous accreditation process confirming we maintain the high standards of The Hague Convention — an International treaty that provides important safeguards to protect the best interests of children, birth parents, and adoptive parents who are involved in intercountry adoptions.
- ✓ **We offer a range of options:** Explore our adoption programs in Burundi, Colombia, Philippines and the United States.
- ✓ **Personalized Service:** We know the importance of working closely with each family to understand your openness and capacity as parents. This personalized approach helps to ensure that each child finds the family that was meant just for them. Plus, we help guide and support you through every step of the adoption. You will work with the same country team at all stages of the process, thus building a strong relationship with your contacts at WHFC.
- ✓ **We work with all types of families:** As an inclusive agency, we welcome singles, older parents, large families, and LGBT parents. Your eligibility will differ depending on the program, as child welfare officials in each country set their own eligibility requirements that prospective parents must meet.

- ✓ **Fair/Transparent Fees:** As a private, non-profit 503(c)(3), tax-exempt organization, we strive to keep costs as low as possible. Significant financial help is often available! To learn about the financial resources that might be available to help you, [click here](#). Detailed fees for each program are outlined in this guide.
- ✓ **Post Adoption Support:** Even after your adoption is complete, we offer a wide range of post-adoption services that support our adoptive families and adoptees throughout their lives.

Every family who entrusts their adoption process to WHFC can expect decades of experience, knowledge, and personalized support on their side.



# SERVICE MODELS

Wide Horizons is headquartered in Massachusetts and we work with families across the United States offering three service models based on two types of services. Regardless of which service model is the right option for you, you can expect **personalized service, caring support**, and the highest degree of **expert, ethical practices** as we guide you every step of the way.



## Whenever you adopt, you need two types of services

### 1. Local services

These services are provided by an agency licensed in your state of residence. These include your home study and post adoption/post placement visits. WHFC is licensed to offer these services in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York\*, and New Jersey.

### 2. Child Placement Services

This refers to the management of the particular country program from which you wish to adopt. Agencies are accredited to work in specific countries. For our international programs, Wide Horizons For Children can work with families anywhere in the United States wishing to adopt from Burundi, Colombia or the Philippines.

## From these services, we offer three service models:

#### Full Service:

Both local and child placement services are provided by Wide Horizons For Children. In other words, you live in one of the areas where the agency provides home study services and you wish to adopt through one of the agency's programs.

#### Placement Services:

You wish to adopt from one of WHFC's country programs, but you live in a state where we are not licensed. WHFC will help you connect with a an agency licensed in your state for local services.

#### Local Services Only:

You will be using the placement services of another agency, but live in one of WHFC's states of licensure and need a home study. Please see page 23 of this guide.

Whichever service model is right for you, you will only pay fees to Wide Horizons For Children for the services we provide. We understand that adoption can be confusing and overwhelming. We're adoption experts and are here to guide you every step of the way.

Wide Horizons For Children has united thousands of children and families through adoption, and with our personalized service, we will help keep you on track with your adoption paperwork.

\* WHFC provide home study services in the following NY areas: New York City, Long Island and the counties of Albany, Colombia, Dutchess, Fulton, Green, Montgomery, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Sarasota, Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster, Warren, Washington, and Westchester.

[To view a sample version of Wide Horizons for Children's contracts, please click here.](#)

# FINANCING YOUR ADOPTION

We understand that for most families, adoption is a significant financial undertaking. As a private, non-profit 503(c)(3), tax-exempt organization, we strive to keep costs as low as possible. Detailed fee information is intended to help you plan and budget for your adoption. Adoption fees can range from \$30,000–\$50,000 depending on the program you select. It is important to note that fees are due at the major milestones of your adoption and are often spread out over 18–36 months. There are many opportunities to make your child's adoption more affordable. Plus, WHFC accepts credit cards for all of our fees.

## Wide Horizons For Children (WHFC) Subsidies

Adoption subsidy funds are made available through the generosity of our donors, so vary accordingly. While we would like to help every adopting family with a financial grant, consideration is limited to families who are adopting Waiting Children, and have a combined household income of \$200,000 or less. Grants, when available, are up to \$5,000 for a qualified family. WHFC is also a partner of Brittany's Hope Foundation which allows us to award an additional adoption grant of \$3,000–\$5,000 to families who meet our Waiting Child subsidy requirements and fulfill a fundraising requirement.

## Tax Credits and Deductions

US Federal Adoption Tax Credit: As of 2020, adoptive families may be eligible for a tax credit of more than \$15,000 per adopted child. You may claim the credit on your federal tax return for the year in which your child's adoption becomes final and can carry it forward for up to 5 years. It is a dollar-for-dollar reduction to your tax liability. Other benefits such as state tax deductions or retroactive claims may be available.

More details about WHFC subsidies, tax credits, adoption grants/loans/crowdfunding, and workplace benefits are available on our website at <https://whfc.org/adoption/financial-resources/>.

## Adoption Grants, Loans, and Crowd Sourcing

There are dozens of grants, loans, and crowd sourcing opportunities available independent of Wide Horizons For Children. Many of our adoptive parents have been successful accessing financial help through one or more of these organizations. (See links in yellow.)

## Workplace Adoption Benefits

Find out if your employer offers adoption benefits by contacting your human resources department. If your company does not offer benefits, consider proposing them using materials developed by the Adoption Workplace Initiative. The US military will reimburse active-duty personnel for a portion of qualifying expenses for adoptions arranged by a qualified adoption agency.

## Other Resources to Consider

- Airline miles/hotel points/Credit card points
- Borrow from 401k or life insurance policy
- Home equity loan or mortgage re-financing
- Crowdfunding platforms like Adopt Together
- Loans from family/friends

Wide Horizons For Children can accept financial gifts from family or friends on your behalf; however because the gift is for your child's adoption fees, it would not qualify as a tax-deductible donation.

**One WHFC family has shown that adoption can be affordable: not just once, but 4 times!**

"We have been so blessed to adopt our four daughters in the space of less than six years while relying on Wide Horizons' Subsidies, online fundraising and generous donors, adoption grants, and personal donations. It definitely took a lot of time, teamwork, energy and serious commitment. It was worth all of it because we were able to adopt our beautiful daughters!"

—Kim and Nathaniel from MA

# ADOPTION PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA <i>not all-inclusive</i>	CHILDREN AVAILABLE	CURRENT WAIT TIME <i>upon dossier approval/travel requirements</i>	ESTIMATED COSTS <i>excluding travel and other variable costs</i>
<b>BURUNDI</b>	<b>Married Couples and Single Women Ages 30–55</b> Some flexibility for older children	<b>Ages 2–10</b> <b>Sibling groups</b> <b>Waiting Children (rarely)</b>	<b>FAMILIES NEEDED!</b> <b>12–18 months for referral</b>  One 2–4-week trip; travel 8–12 months after acceptance of referral	Approximately \$38,000 before tax credits, grants, and subsidies (if applicable)
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	<b>Married Couples and Singles Ages 25 or older</b>  Oldest applicant no more than 45 years older than youngest child being adopted; Exceptions for older children and children with special needs; Gay or lesbian applicants welcome	<b>Mostly older children</b> <b>Sibling groups</b> <b>Waiting Children</b>  Openness to moderate/significant medical needs required for children under 8, unless of Colombian heritage  Relative adoptions welcomed	<b>FAMILIES NEEDED!</b> <b>Children adopted through Kidsave will arrive home in under 1 year</b>  Varies based on child request  One 3–6-week trip; travel about 8 weeks after referral	Approximately \$42,000 before tax credits, grants, and subsidies (if applicable)
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	<b>Married Couples Ages 27 or older and Single Women for children over 8</b>  Adoptive mother must be no more than 45 years older than the child	<b>Mostly older children</b> <b>Sibling groups</b> <b>Waiting Children</b>  Relative adoptions welcomed	<b>FAMILIES NEEDED!</b> <b>Varies —can be fast for Waiting Children</b>  One 1-week trip; travel 4–6 months after referral	Approximately \$30,000 before tax credits, grants, and subsidies (if applicable)



# A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO ADOPTION

It is easy to start your formal adoption journey at Wide Horizons For Children! We have outlined the steps for you below.

## 1. Register/Apply Online

The first step is to complete your online registration at [whfc.org/adoption/adoption-registration](https://whfc.org/adoption/adoption-registration). Upon submission, your Adoption Coordinator will guide you through the remaining application paperwork, which includes signing agency agreements and fees.

## 2. Home Study/ Pre-Adoptive Education Curriculum

A home study is a comprehensive process that helps prepare and approve you for adoption. A licensed local social worker will meet with you typically 3–4 times getting to know you and your hopes for adoption. You will be asked to gather supporting documents, including a comprehensive background check. As part of the home study, all applicants must complete a pre-adoptive curriculum that covers a range of topics that will prepare you to welcome a child into your family through adoption.

## 3. US Immigration Approval (For International Adoption Only)

Every family adopting internationally will file for pre-approval from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) to immigrate an adopted child into the US. To obtain approval, families must complete a USCIS form and get fingerprint clearances. Wide Horizons For Children will provide instructions on how to submit the form and will request fingerprint appointments.

## 4. Program Application/Dossier Submission

**For international adoptions:** Each international adoption program has a specific set of documents that are required to apply to the program. This is referred to as a “dossier”, which we will guide you through. Once we receive your completed dossier, your documents will be sent to adoption officials overseas for review and approval.

**For US infant adoptions:** You will prepare an adoptive family profile, including a letter and photographs, for expectant parents to review. Our US team will also work with you to support your application to a placement agency.

Most families complete steps 1–4 within 4–6 months. Now you are “Paperwork Ready.”

[Continue on the next page to learn the final steps >](#)



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## 5. Officially “Waiting”

Once your dossier/adoptive family profile is approved in country, you are now officially waiting to be matched with a child! How long you wait depends greatly on the program you select AND your openness to the child’s age, gender, medical/developmental needs, race, and sibling status.

## 6. Child Referral

**For international adoptions:** When a child is matched with your family, this is called a “Child Referral.” Your Program Manager will contact you immediately and share all the available child information which may include a brief medical/development report, social history, photographs and video.

**For US infant adoptions:** Your placement agency will present your profile to expectant parents who are considering placing a child for adoption and you will be notified when there is a possible match.

**In all programs:** We recommend that you consult with a physician or international adoption clinic familiar with the health and adjustment issues of children adopted from the country you have chosen before making your adoption decision. We can provide you with a list of adoption-knowledgeable medical professionals that other families have consulted with, or you may choose your own.

## 7. Travel

**For both international and US adoption:** You will travel to take custody of your child and complete the adoption paperwork. Your Program Manager will help plan your trip and arrange for all necessary supports. Travel requirements including the number of trips and length of travel vary greatly by program.

## 8. Welcome Child Home! Post Adoption Requirements

**It is now time to celebrate your child’s arrival!** On average, you can expect to meet with your local social worker at least three times within the first six months of your child’s arrival. The purpose of these visits is to offer advice and resources to aid in your child’s/family’s adjustment, as well as to gather information needed to write post-placement reports for officials in your child’s birth country. Additional post placement reports may be required by your state of residence or the country you adopted from.

## 9. Post Adoption

**Adoption is a journey that lasts a lifetime.** Wide Horizons For Children is committed to offering services to adopted persons, adoptive parents and birth parents. Our highly experienced and knowledgeable Post Adoption team offers a range of services. For more information, please visit: [whfc.org/adoption/post-adoption-services](http://whfc.org/adoption/post-adoption-services).





# BURUNDI

Since 2010, Wide Horizons is proud to be one of only a few US agencies accredited to operate in Burundi, a beautiful country in East Africa. Additionally, Burundi is one of only a few African countries that meets the international standards of the Hague Convention—giving children and families extra protection in their adoption process. Although there are hundreds of thousands of orphaned children in Burundi, only a very small percentage are available for international adoption.

## Children Who Need Families

- Boys and girls, including sibling groups, age 2-10, need adoption. Families are especially needed for children ages 5 and up. Applicants may request a specific gender if adopting a child who is 5 or older.
- Most children from Burundi are considered “physically healthy” by the local child welfare providers but may have medical risks common to life in an orphanage such as malnutrition, developmental delays, and exposure to infectious diseases.
- Children may have been abandoned or relinquished in a legal process overseen by the Central Authority of Burundi. Afterwards, they may become eligible for adoption only after a minimum stay of one year in an orphanage or foster home.

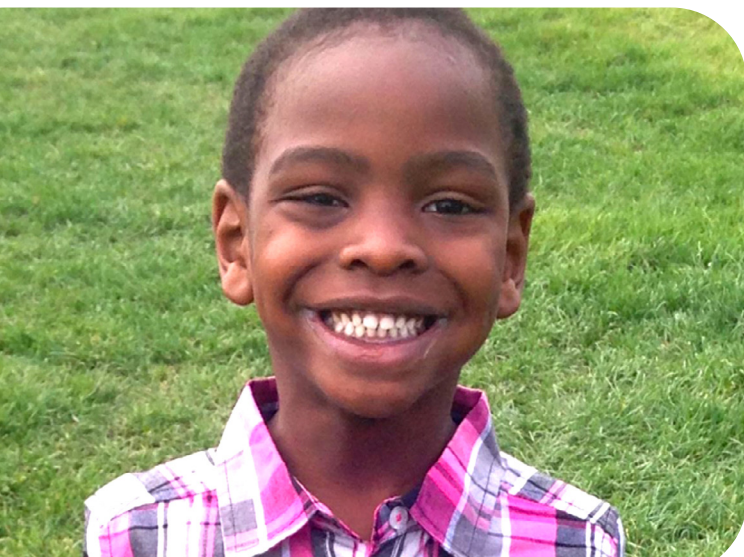
## Eligibility

The following applicants are eligible for Wide Horizons For Children’s Burundi Adoption Program. Eligibility requirements for adoptive parents are determined by adoption officials in the child’s country of birth.

### Married heterosexual couples and single women ages 30–55:

- Married and living together for at least five years at the time of referral.
- Applicants over age 50 are generally expected to be open to adopting a child age 5 or older.
- Good physical and mental health.
- All applicants should have a clean criminal history. However, some minor infractions may be accepted.

The above criteria are not all-inclusive; all international programs require proof of financial stability and may have additional requirements and some flexibility. Please contact Wide Horizons For Children to discuss specific eligibility requirements.



# BURUNDI

## Estimated Wait Times for Referrals

Most families should expect to receive a referral 12–18 months after the date their dossier is submitted to the Burundi Central Authority. Current wait times are not indicative of future wait times, which could change.



Most families travel 8 to 12 months after receiving a referral. Adoptions are completed under Burundian law prior to the arrival of the adoptive parents.

Both parents should expect one three-week trip, which includes time in Burundi and Kenya. Families will spend a minimum of one week in Burundi getting to know their child, experiencing the culture, and meeting with the Central Authority. The second part of the trip is spent in Nairobi, Kenya, for 7–10 days obtaining the child’s US-required medical exam and immigrant visa.

Accommodations vary from resort settings to small guest homes. French and English are widely spoken. Families are accompanied by an in-country representative in both countries throughout their stay.

### Burundi is a Hague Convention Country

Foreign Provider: Central Authority of the Republic of Burundi, The Ministry of Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender.



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We always knew international adoption was a way we wanted our family to grow. In April 2019, our 3 bio kids were 2, 4, and 6-years old... November 2, 2020 we got an email that changed our family forever. We had been matched with a 3-year-old little boy! Our journey to have Tyler in our arms was 2 1/2 years long... We would do it again to have him here with us, he is the perfect fit for our family. He is a child full of life, joyful and eager to learn... He has the best laugh and is an inspiration to all who hear his story!”

— Crowe Family

# BURUNDI ADOPTION PROGRAM FEES

For families applying to Wide Horizons April 1st, 2023 or after

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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FEE	TYPE OF FEE	PAYMENT TERMS
<b>PRE-PLACEMENT SERVICES</b>			
<b>REGISTRATION</b> <i>This is fee is waived for returning families</i>	\$350	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with registration
<b>AGENCY FEE 1</b>	\$2,500	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with application
<b>HAGUE/UAA ACCREDITATION SUPPORT FEE</b> For the US Central Authority's designated accrediting entity, per child	\$815	Third Party US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with application (for the US Central Authority's designated accrediting entity). If adopting a sibling group, a \$815 fee for each additional child will be paid with child referral acceptance
<b>AGENCY FEE 2</b>	\$3,000	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children 45 days after application
<b>HOME STUDY SERVICES</b> \$1,500 — Returning or transfer families \$2,000 — Families new to Wide Horizons For Children	\$1,500–\$2,000 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Home Study Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children 45 days after application or to Partner Agency during home study period, as directed
<b>PRE-ADOPTION EDUCATION</b> Includes group/online sessions and other sources	Estimated Range \$200–500	Third Party US Expense	Payable to approved education providers
<b>USCIS FEES</b> Valid for 15 months ( <i>refiling with fee may be required</i> ) \$775 — I-800A Application \$85 — Fingerprinting for each adult age 18+ in the home	\$775 + \$85 per person	Third Party US Expense	Payable to USCIS after home study when I-800A is filed
<b>DOSSIER NOTARY AND STATE APOSTILLE FEES</b> <i>Vary by state</i>	Estimated Range \$150–250	Third Party Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Notary, Secretary of State, US Department of State, courier services during dossier assembly
<b>AGENCY FEE 3</b> Includes: US Expense \$5,000 Translation & Document Expense \$1,500 Foreign Country Expense \$500	\$7,000	US Expense, Foreign Country Expenses and Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon dossier submission

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<b>CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES, SINGLE CHILD ADOPTION — Sibling fees are determined on a case-by-case basis (generally \$2,000 per child increase to agency fee 4 and case-specific in-country and third-party fee increases)</b>			
<b>AGENCY FEE 4</b>	\$8,000	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral
<b>IN-COUNTRY FEES</b> Includes: Central Authority (Ministry of Solidarity Adoption Fee 3000 euros (roughly \$4,000) Agakura Administration \$3,715 Care of the Child Expense \$510 Translation & Document Expense \$775	\$9,000	Foreign Country Expense, Care of the Child Expense, Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons upon acceptance of child referral for Ministry of Solidarity and Agakura fees
<b>DS-260 IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION AND US EMBASSY MEDICAL EXAM</b> Visa Application \$325 Medical Exam \$125-\$479	\$450-\$804	Third Party Translation & Document Expense	Payable during travel in Nairobi to IOM Clinic and US Embassy
<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b> <i>Approximate three-week stay</i> Estimate dependent on number of travelers, length of stay, regional travel distance, living expenses, visa fees, incidentals	Estimated Range \$5,000-8,000	Third Party Travel Expense	Payable to travel agents or airlines and service providers in Burundi and Kenya before and during travel
<b>HOME STUDY UPDATE SERVICES, IF REQUIRED</b> \$300 — Update without a home visit \$600 — Update requiring a home visit	\$300-600 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Home Study Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons OR Partner Agency if required due to change in family status or expiration of current home study
<b>POST-ADOPTION SERVICES</b>			
<b>POST-ADOPTION SERVICES</b> Visits, clinical services and reports as mandated by state, federal and/or birth country requirements. Includes 4-5 reports over 2 years. \$2,500 for all reports \$500 Translation & processing of reports	\$3,000 or \$500 + fee determined by Partner Agency	Post Adoption Expense Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral. Fees to Partner Agency (if applicable) may be paid earlier, based on agency policy.
<b>US FINALIZATION PROCEDURES, OPTIONAL</b> Estimated at \$1,000-2,000 for attorney and/or court fees to legalize your child's adoption in the US	\$0 - \$2,000	Third Party US Expense	Payable to Attorney and local court

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# COLOMBIA

Wide Horizons For Children has worked in Colombia, a Hague Convention country, since the 1970s. Our Colombia Program is open to all married couples, single men and women, and LGBTQ applicants. Children receive high-quality care and adoption preparation.

## Children Who Need Families

- Boys and girls ages 5–15 years need families. Eligible Colombian heritage families can request younger children. Families are especially needed for children over age 8 and sibling groups of various ages. Applicants must be open to a child of either gender, if requesting a child 8 or under.
- Most children available for adoption in Colombia come from marginalized families with difficult social histories. Many have likely experienced trauma and loss. Once children enter the Colombian child welfare system, they receive high-quality care, educational services, counseling and preparation for adoption.
- Wide Horizons For Children also partners with two host agencies to offer unique host-to-adopt opportunities. KidSave and Project 143 work to find families for orphans 11–14 years old by bringing children to the US for 3–4 weeks. After hosting a child, families who decide to adopt will proceed with a standard adoption process.



Horizons For Children Colombia Program. Eligibility requirements for adoptive parents are determined by adoption officials in the child’s birth country.

### Married Couples, Single Women And Men, Ages 25 Or Older:

- **For couples**—Married and/or living together for at least 2 years at time of dossier submission. Possible additional time needed if there is a history of divorce.
- Singles, gay and lesbian applicants welcome.
- Maximum age difference of 45 years between child and oldest parent. There may be some flexibility for older children and children with special needs.
- Colombian American families are encouraged to apply and can expect an expedited process. Colombian American families may request a “physically healthy” child with a minimum age range of 0–4 years old.
- Non-Colombian applicants requesting a child under age 8, must have some openness to moderate/significant medical or developmental needs.
- All applicants must be in good physical and mental health.
- All applicants should have a clean criminal history. However, some minor infractions may be accepted.

The eligibility criteria are not all-inclusive; all international programs require proof of financial stability and may have additional requirements. Please contact Wide Horizons For Children to discuss specific eligibility requirements.

# COLOMBIA

## Estimated Wait Times for Referrals

This is a fast-moving program for the adoption of older children. If adopting a child age 8 or older, families may expect to receive a referral within 12 months of approval of their dossier. Families requesting a child 0–7 years old typically are matched with a child within 12–24 months after dossier submission. **Families adopting a child hosted through the Kidsave program can expect to bring their child home in under one year.**

## Travel Requirements

Most families travel 8 weeks after accepting a referral. One trip of about 3–6 weeks is required to bring a child home. For married couples, both parents must travel with the possibility of one parent returning home after the first week. Our staff in Colombia and the US will arrange all adoption appointments and provide support during a family's stay in Colombia. Families can expect an English-speaking guide. Accommodations throughout the country are modern and comfortable.

### Colombia is a Hague Convention Country

Foreign Provider: Central Authority of Government of Colombia, Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar (ICBF)



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One of the many firsts our new kids got to experience this year was the beauty of a New England fall. The sheer delight and determination seen in the younger boys as they try to catch leaves is a small reminder that our new children are now comfortable enough to be, well, kids. Shrieks of joy and laughs of delight remind us to have patience and perseverance during the more difficult times as we graft these two families together into one.”

— Sam and Louise on their experience adopting siblings Isabella, Mariana, Alejandro and Felipe through the Wide Horizons For Children Colombia Program

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<b>USCIS FEES</b> Valid for 15 months <i>*refiling with fee may be required</i> \$775 — I-800A Application \$85 — Fingerprinting for each adult age 18+ in the home	\$775 + \$85 per person	Third Party US Expense	Payable to USCIS during home study when I-800A is filed
<b>DOSSIER PREPARATION</b> Psychological Evaluation \$700-1,500 Other fees Vary by state	Estimated Range \$850–\$1,750	Third Party US Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Psychologist, Notary, Secretary of State, US Department of States, and courier services during dossier assembly

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# COLOMBIA ADOPTION PROGRAM FEES

For families applying to Wide Horizons April 1st, 2023 or after

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FEE	TYPE OF FEE	PAYMENT TERMS
<b>AGENCY FEE 3</b> \$7,000 —US expense \$1,750 — Foreign Country Expense & Translation & Document Expense	\$8,750	US Expense, Foreign Country Expense and Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons for Children Upon Dossier submission
<b>CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES, SINGLE CHILD ADOPTION — Sibling fees are determined on a case-by-case basis (generally \$2,000 per child increase to agency fee 4 and case-specific in-country and third-party fee increases)</b>			
<b>AGENCY FEE 4</b>	\$11,500	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral
<b>IN-COUNTRY FEES</b> Vary depending on placing entity in Colombia (ICBF or IAPA) and are calculated on a case-by-case basis at time of child referral. Includes: Legal Services \$2,200–3,100 IPA Administration \$0–3,100 IAPA Care of Child \$0–690 Translation \$500–\$1,000 Travel Expense—Guide/Translator \$400-950	\$3,100–\$8,840	Foreign Country Expense, Care of Child Expense, Travel Expense, Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral, for third party services in Colombia  All services of ICBF are free of charge
<b>DS-260 IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION AND US EMBASSY MEDICAL EXAM</b> Visa Application \$325 Medical Exam \$125-\$250	\$450–\$575	Third Party Translation and Document expense	Payable during travel in Bogota to Clinic and US Embassy
<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b> <i>Approximate four-week stay</i> Estimate dependent on number of travelers, length of stay, regional travel distance, living expenses, visa fees, incidental	Estimated Range \$5,000–9,000	Third Party Travel Expense	Payable to travel agents or airlines, Embassy of Colombia and service providers in Colombia before and during travel
<b>HOME STUDY UPDATE SERVICES, IF REQUIRED</b> \$300 — Update without a home visit \$600 — Update requiring a home visit	\$300–600 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Home Study Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children OR Partner Agency if required due to change in family status or expiration of current home study
<b>POST-ADOPTION SERVICES</b>			
<b>POST-ADOPTION SERVICES</b> Visits, clinical services and reports as mandated by state, federal and/or birth country requirements. Includes 5 reports over 2 years or 7 reports over 3 years. Additional reports if required by ICBF are \$250–\$500 per report \$3,000–4,000 Post Adoption Reports \$700–\$980 Translation & Processing of Reports	\$3,700–\$4,980 or \$700–\$980 + Fee determined by Partner Agency	Post Adoption Expense & Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral. Fees to Partner Agency (if applicable) may be paid earlier, based on agency policy.
<b>US FINALIZATION PROCEDURES, OPTIONAL</b> Estimated at \$0-2,000 for attorney and/or court fees to legalize your child's adoption in the US	\$0 –\$2,000	Third Party US Expense	Payable to Attorney and local court

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# GABRIELLA: A New Family for an Older Child

As a young girl growing up in a Colombian orphanage, Gabriella could never have imagined she'd find a family of her own. Many of the children in her orphanage were abandoned, like her, or victims of abuse. Gabriella hoped she'd be part of a family someday.

That day came when Gabriella was a teenager. She spent a summer month with a California family through Wide Horizons For Children's partnership with Kidsave. The program gives older children from orphanages summer vacations with host families. It also helps connect adoptive families with older children — like Gabriella.

That summer, Gabriella met and formed a particularly strong bond with Tom and Jenny Balsam, who eventually adopted her. Adopting an older child has its challenges, say the Balsams, but they were ready for the journey.

“It's an exercise in surprise, as they are simultaneously discovering themselves, processing their past and adjusting to a new country, life and family,” explains Jenny.

Because she was adopted as a teenager, Gabriella left behind her relationships and friends in Colombia. But with the love and support of her family, she has quickly settled into her new life in America, enjoying a whole new world of activities, such as backpacking in Yosemite and whale watching in the Pacific with her mom and dad.

With her interest in the cosmos and what her mom describes as her “extreme empathy for people in need or distress,” Gabriella is certain to experience many more adventures. So are the Balsams.

“

We've learned to enjoy the sense of constant discovery that our new family brings.”

— Jenny, on the experience of adopting her daughter Gabriella through the Wide Horizons For Children Colombia Program



# PHILIPPINES

Wide Horizons For Children has worked on behalf of children in the Philippines since the early 1980s. Families can expect detailed information on a child at the time of referral and a highly personalized matching process. We are also an expert agency for relative adoption cases.

## Children Who Need Families

- Boys and girls age 7+, including older sibling groups. Some younger children with medical needs.
- Children are cared for in orphanages or foster homes. They are usually placed into care due to the death of one or both parents, poverty, abandonment, abuse, neglect, social stigma or the presence of special needs. Specialized services are provided to children who qualify while in care.
- Each child is matched with a family by the National Authority for Child Care (NACC) and staff persons who have cared for the child. This results in a highly personalized matching process. A family may be chosen based on characteristics that will best support the well-being of the child, such as experience with the child's needs, a shared religious practice, or common talents.



## Eligibility

The following applicants are eligible for the Wide Horizons For Children Philippines Program. Eligibility requirements for adoptive parents are determined by adoption officials in the child's birth country.

### Married Heterosexual Couples and Single Women, Ages 27 Or Older:

- Adoptive mother must be no more than 45 years older than the child at the time of referral.
- Couples must be married three years or more; or one year of marriage and two years of cohabitation is also recognized.
- Single women may adopt children over the age of 8 or children with special needs.
- At least five years of strong family religious practice required.
- Relative adoptions welcome.
- Applicants must be in good physical and mental health.
- All applicants should have a clean criminal history, however, some minor infractions may be accepted.

The above criteria are not all-inclusive; all international programs require proof of financial stability and may have additional requirements. Please contact Wide Horizons For Children to discuss specific eligibility requirements.

# PHILIPPINES

## Estimated Wait Times for Referrals

Varies greatly based on child request. In general, the more open families are to the characteristics (age, medical need) of the child, the faster the process. Please [schedule a consultation today to discuss further](#).

## Travel Requirements

Most families travel 4–6 months after accepting a referral. One trip of about one week is required to bring a child home. If married, only one parent needs to travel, although both parents are encouraged to make the trip. If only one spouse travels, that person must be a U.S. Citizen. Families receive excellent support services during their trip, and accommodations in the Philippines are modern and comfortable. English is widely spoken.

### The Philippines is a Hague Convention Country

Foreign Provider: Central Authority of the Government of the Philippines, National Authority for Child Care (NACC)



“

When we saw our four on the Special Home Finding List, their smiles just completely captivated us. And everything I read about them just intrigued me more. It felt like they were meant to be ours. We can't imagine not having them in our lives at this point. We love them so much. Our house is not as quiet as it used to be. But it's usually filled with laughter and other excitement.”

— *Isobel, on the experience of adopting a sibling group of 4 from the Philippines*

# PHILIPPINES ADOPTION PROGRAM FEES

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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FEE	TYPE OF FEE	PAYMENT TERMS
<b>PRE-PLACEMENT SERVICES</b>			
<b>REGISTRATION</b> <i>This is fee is waived for returning families</i>	\$350	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with registration
<b>AGENCY FEE 1</b>	\$2,500	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with application
<b>HAGUE/UAA ACCREDITATION SUPPORT FEE</b> For the US Central Authority's designated accrediting entity, per child	\$815	Third Party US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with application (for the US Central Authority's designated accrediting entity). If adopting a sibling group, a \$815 fee for each additional child will be paid with child referral acceptance
<b>AGENCY FEE 2</b>	\$3,000	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children 45 days after application
<b>HOME STUDY SERVICES</b> \$1,500 — Returning or transfer families \$2,000 — Families new to Wide Horizons For Children	\$1,500 or \$2,000 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Home Study Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children 45 days after application OR to Partner Agency during home study period
<b>PRE-ADOPTION EDUCATION</b> Includes group/online sessions and other sources	Estimated Range \$200–\$500	Third Party US Expense	Payable to approved education providers
<b>USCIS FEES</b> Valid for 15 months ( <i>refiling with fee may be required</i> ) \$775 — I-800A Application \$85 — Fingerprinting for each adult age 18+ in the home	\$775 + \$85 per person	Third Party US Expense	Payable to USCIS during home study when I-800A is filed
<b>DOSSIER PREPARATION</b> Psychological Evaluation \$700-1,500	Estimated Range \$700–\$1,500	Third Party Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Psychologist
<b>AGENCY FEE 3</b> Includes: US Expense \$5,000 Foreign Country Expense \$200	\$5,200	US Expense & Foreign Country Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons for Children Upon Dossier submission

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<b>AGENCY FEE 4</b>	\$6,500	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral
<b>IN-COUNTRY FEES</b> Includes: Foreign Country Provincial Administration (ICAB) \$2000 Care of Child \$1000 Document Expense (Passport \$25; Visa Application \$375; Courier Fee \$20; Medical Exam \$290-350, Travel \$0-500)	\$3,710-4,270	Foreign Country Expense, Care of Child Expense; Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral, for Central Authority (ICAB) and Child Caring Institution
<b>DS-260 IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION AND US EMBASSY MEDICAL EXAM</b>			N/A- included in above fees paid to ICAB
<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b> <i>Approximate one-week stay</i> Estimate dependent on number of travelers, length of stay, regional travel distance, living expenses, visa fees, incidentals	Estimated Range \$4,000-\$8,000	Third Party Travel Expense	Payable to travel agents or airlines, and service providers in Philippines before and during travel
<b>HOME STUDY UPDATE SERVICES, IF REQUIRED</b> \$300 — Update without a home visit \$600 — Update requiring a home visit	\$300 – \$600 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Home Study Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons OR Partner Agency if required due to change in family status or expiration of current home study
<b>POST-PLACEMENT SERVICES</b>			
<b>POST-PLACEMENT SERVICES</b> Visits, clinical services and reports as mandated by state, federal and/or birth country requirements. Includes 3-4 reports over 1 year. Additional reports, if required by ICAB are \$250 or \$500 per report.	\$1,500 – \$2,000 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Post Placement Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral. Fees to Partner Agency (if applicable) may be paid earlier, based on agency policy.
<b>US FINALIZATION PROCEDURE</b> Estimated at \$0-2,000 for attorney and/or court fees to legalize your child's adoption in the US	Estimated \$0 –\$2,000	Third Party US Expense	Payable to Attorney and local court at minimum of 6 months after arrival
<b>CERTIFICATION OF US CITIZENSHIP</b>	\$1,170 per child	Third Party Translation and Document Expense	Payable to USCIS

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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FEE	TYPE OF FEE	PAYMENT TERMS
<b>PRE-PLACEMENT SERVICES</b>			
<b>REGISTRATION</b> <i>This fee is waived for returning families</i>	\$350	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with registration
<b>QRAA Fee</b> <i>Includes: Liaison Fee \$500, AFI (partial) \$650</i>	\$1,150	US Expense & Foreign Coordinator Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon QRAA submission
<b>AGENCY FEE 1 (remainder)</b>	\$1,850	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with application
<b>HAGUE/UAA ACCREDITATION SUPPORT FEE</b> For the US Central Authority's designated accrediting entity, per child	\$815	Third Party US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children with application (for the US Central Authority's designated accrediting entity). If adopting a sibling group, a \$815 fee for each additional child will be paid with child referral acceptance
<b>AGENCY FEE 2</b>	\$3,000	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children 45 days after application
<b>HOME STUDY SERVICES</b> \$1,500 — Returning or transfer families \$2,000 — Families new to Wide Horizons For Children	\$1,500 or \$2,000 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Home Study Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children 45 days after application OR to Partner Agency during home study period
<b>PRE-ADOPTION EDUCATION</b> Includes group/online sessions and other sources	Estimated Range \$200–\$500	Third Party US Expense	Payable to approved education providers
<b>USCIS FEES</b> Valid for 15 months ( <i>refiling with fee may be required</i> ) \$775 — I-800A Application \$85 — Fingerprinting for each adult age 18+ in the home	\$775 + \$85 per person	Third Party US Expense	Payable to USCIS during home study when I-800A is filed

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<b>DOSSIER PREPARATION</b> Psychological Evaluation \$700-1,500	Estimated Range \$700-\$1,500	Third Party Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Psychologist
<b>AGENCY FEE 3</b> Includes: US Expense \$5,000; Foreign Country Expense \$200 Liason Fee: \$500	\$5,700	US Expense & Foreign Country Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons for Children Upon Dossier submission
<b>CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES, SINGLE CHILD ADOPTION — Sibling fees are determined on a case-by-case basis (generally \$2,000 per child increase to agency fee 4 and case-specific in-country and third-party fee increases)</b>			
<b>AGENCY FEE 4</b>	\$6,500	US Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral
<b>IN-COUNTRY FEES</b> Includes: Foreign Country Provincial Administration (ICAB) \$2000 Care of Child \$1000 Document Expense (Passport \$25; Visa Application \$375; Courier Fee \$20; Medical Exam \$290-350, Travel \$0-500) Liason Fee 3: \$500	\$4,210-\$4,770	Foreign Country Expense, Care of Child Expense; Translation & Document Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral, for Central Authority (ICAB) and Child Caring Institution
<b>DS-260 IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION AND US EMBASSY MEDICAL EXAM</b>			N/A- included in above fees paid to ICAB
<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b> <i>Approximate one-week stay</i> Estimate dependent on number of travelers, length of stay, regional travel distance, living expenses, visa fees, incidentals	Estimated Range \$4,000-\$8,000	Third Party Travel Expense	Payable to travel agents or airlines, and service providers in Philippines before and during travel
<b>HOME STUDY UPDATE SERVICES, IF REQUIRED</b> \$300 — Update without a home visit \$600 — Update requiring a home visit	\$300 – \$600 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Home Study Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons OR Partner Agency if required due to change in family status or expiration of current home study
<b>POST-PLACEMENT SERVICES</b>			
<b>POST-PLACEMENT SERVICES</b> Visits, clinical services and reports as mandated by state, federal and/or birth country requirements. Includes 3-4 reports over 1 year. Additional reports, if required by ICAB are \$250 or \$500 per report.	\$1,500 – \$2,000 or Fee determined by Partner Agency	Post Placement Expense	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon acceptance of child referral. Fees to Partner Agency (if applicable) may be paid earlier, based on agency policy.
<b>US FINALIZATION PROCEDURE</b> Estimated at \$0-2,000 for attorney and/or court fees to legalize your child's adoption in the US	Estimated \$0 –\$2,000	Third Party US Expense	Payable to Attorney and local court at minimum of 6 months after arrival
<b>CERTIFICATION OF US CITIZENSHIP</b>	\$1,170 per child	Third Party Translation and Document Expense	Payable to USCIS

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# UNITED STATES

Since the agency's beginning in 1974, Wide Horizons has been actively involved in domestic adoption and supporting families through the process. Our social workers and staff are experts in domestic adoption and parenting children adopted domestically. However, in recent years, we have seen domestic adoption activity decrease significantly in the North East states where the agency is licensed and where we historically provided expectant parent counseling.

We certainly know that there are many families who continue to be interested in domestic adoption and we are happy to continue to help families in this area. Our social workers are well-trained in supporting families in open adoption, transracial adoption, the adoption of children who were exposed to substances in utero, the adoption of children with medical needs and many other possibilities in domestic adoption.

All families adopting domestically need an agency licensed in their state to provide local services: Home Study, pre-adoption education, and post placement supervision. Wide Horizons For Children is licensed in MA, NH, VT, NJ, and NY and can provide these services to families residing in them. Our staff are also experts in the unique laws and regulations of each state.

If you apply to Wide Horizons for local services, you will need to identify a placement resource that is able to place children into your state of residence. We can provide guidance in this process – though it can often take a fair amount of research on your part to identify the right resource. What we know, is that remaining committed to the process typically leads to feeling as if the right baby found the right family!

Once a placement is arranged, we can help make certain that all state-based regulations are met and provide customized services based on the requirements of your state of residence and your placing agency. In the event of a match through WHFC, a fee schedule is available.



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Wide Horizons For Children coached and supported us through the domestic adoption process, and, as they promised, we were graced with the exact right match to grow our family. Wide Horizons staff asked tough questions and helped us explore ourselves throughout the process. In the end, we know we were matched with the right family, and are forever grateful for the skill with which Wide Horizons led us all through the process.”

— Adam and Ashley on the experience of adopting their son Lamont through the Wide Horizons For Children US Adoption Program



# HOME STUDY

Just need a home study and post placement services? Some families have already identified an accredited child-placing provider and are simply seeking a local home study agency. In most cases, Wide Horizons For Children (WHFC) can help you by providing home study and post-placement services.

## What is a home study?

Despite the name, a home study is a comprehensive process that helps you prepare for adoption — not just an inspection of your home. Your social worker will guide you through the process, typically meeting with you about 4-5 times. We will also help you gather supporting documentation such as medicals, clearances, and references. Your social worker will get to know you by interviewing you about your background, family, career and hopes for adoption. You will also receive education to help prepare you to parent a child through adoption. The last step is generating a home study report that will represent you throughout your adoption process. Our social workers are highly experienced with both domestic and international adoption, and will be an invaluable asset to you. WHFC is Hague-accredited and has been a successful adoption provider in both the US and abroad throughout our almost 50-year history. While your placement resource will have primary responsibility managing your adoption, we are happy to help in any way we can. Once your child is home with you, WHFC will also provide expert post-placement or post-adoption assistance and support. WHFC provides home study services throughout MA, VT, NH, NJ, and certain areas of NY.

## Can Wide Horizons For Children conduct my home study?

**International:** If you live in one of our licensed states and have a primary provider agency, we can. Due to the Hague Convention on Adoption and the Universal Accreditation Act, all international adoptions must have a primary provider, an agency or person who oversees

the adoption case, has experience in the particular country of adoption, and ensures certain standards are maintained that reflect the laws of the sending country. The US-based primary providers must be accredited. WHFC can only assist you if you are adopting through a WHFC program (see our comprehensive Adoption Guide) or through another accredited primary provider. For a list of currently accredited primary providers [visit IAAME's Adoption Service Provider Directory](#) and you can view accreditation status. WHFC only offers primary provider services in Colombia, Burundi and The Philippines. For all other countries, a different primary provider will need to be involved and WHFC can provide local services only.

**Domestic:** Yes, WHFC is happy to partner with most out of state placement agencies or attorneys. However, there are state to state nuances so please consult with us before determining that you wish to work with a specific out of state resource. For example, families in Massachusetts need to work with agencies only, not attorneys directly.

## I have a connection in a country that can help me adopt. Can WHFC conduct my home study?

**It depends.** Even if you have a connection abroad, you must still identify a Primary Provider agency (US-based accredited agency) as described above. WHFC can be a Primary Provider in Colombia, Burundi and The Philippines only. For other countries, another Primary Provider must be identified and WHFC can provide local services only. We are happy to offer some suggestions of Primary Providers should you need them.

# PARENT-INITIATED ADOPTION FEES

WHFC uses the term “Parent-Initiated Adoption” to refer to cases in which families are selecting an adoption program outside of WHFC’s own programs — and just using WHFC for local services such as home study and post placement services. You will see this term used on our forms and agreements.

WHFC is a private, non-profit, 503(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. We strive to keep costs as low as possible. Please note that the fees listed below are paid to WHFC only. Other fees will be assessed by your child

placing entity, education providers, USCIS, etc. These fees are specific to cases in which WHFC is only providing local services only. All fees listed below apply.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FEE	PAYMENT TERMS
<b>REGISTRATION</b> <i>Non-refundable, one-time fee (waived for returning families)</i>	\$350 or \$0	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon registration
<b>WHFC AGENCY FEE — PART I</b> <i>See fee agreement for refund policies</i>	\$2,500	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children upon application
<b>WHFC HOME STUDY SERVICES</b> <i>See fee agreement for refund policies</i> \$1,500 — Returning or transfer families \$2,000 — Families new to Wide Horizons For Children	\$1,500 or \$2,000	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children 45 days after application
<b>HOME STUDY UPDATE SERVICES</b> <i>(If required)</i>	\$600	As needed <i>(if required)</i>
<b>WHFC POST-PLACEMENT SERVICES</b> Visits, clinical services and reports (up to 3 reports during the first 6 months after placement) as mandated by state, federal and/or placing entity requirements. The fees for additional reports are as follows: \$500 — Additional report	\$1,500+ variable fees <i>(if additional reports required)</i>	Payable to Wide Horizons For Children before release of home study  <i>Fees are due before release of home study so that services can be guaranteed to placing agency. However, they are held in a separate account and can be easily refunded if plans change, upon request by the family and acknowledgement by the placing agency.</i>

# WAITING CHILDREN

Waiting Children are kids who need a little extra help finding just the right family. They are children who are **ready to be adopted NOW**, but have not been matched with a family yet. While the majority of the children we place for adoption are **not** Waiting Children, considering a child on our Waiting Child photo listing may open your heart to a child who really needs a family.

Waiting Child files may be reviewed no matter where you are in your adoption process.

## Families often ask what conditions qualify a child as Waiting Child?

In reality, there is no definition of who becomes “waiting,” but the kids tend to be one or more of the following:



**Physically Healthy  
Child Age 8+ years**



**Children with Medical or  
Developmental Needs**



**Sibling Groups**

**TALK TO  
US ABOUT  
FINANCING  
RESOURCES**

Families earning under \$200,000/year adopting a Waiting Child through Wide Horizons might qualify for a \$5,000 subsidy, if funds are available. Talk to us about additional grants that may also be available.

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We will be forever grateful to Wide Horizons for advocating for our son, Jacob, on their Waiting Child list. Jacob is an amazing boy, he has received awards for kindness at his school, is clever and funny with a truly compassionate soul...It breaks my heart to think we might have missed out on knowing this wonderful little boy if we had let an arbitrary age or fear of Cerebral Palsy dissuade us from becoming his parents.”

— Jane on the experience of adopting their son Jacob through the Wide Horizons For Children



# ADOPTION BUILDS FAMILIES

Vulnerable children around the world need families like YOU to **say yes to adoption.**

As you consider the life-changing decision of adopting a child, Wide Horizons For Children is here to guide you, answer all your questions and support you in your decision making. To learn more about adoption through Wide Horizons For Children, take one or more of the following actions:

- ✓ **Schedule a Phone Consultation:** Get all your questions answered. FREE 30-minute phone consultation with an adoption counselor.
- ✓ **Attend a Webinar:** “Meet” our staff and explore your adoption options by attending one of our 30-minute online presentations, which discuss a range of adoption topics and country-specific programs.
- ✓ **Start Your Adoption TODAY:** Ready to get started? Complete your online adoption registration. Take this quick first step towards building your family through adoption!

