

LA VIDA INTERNATIONAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION FROM SOUTH AFRICA

(102313)

Application Fee \$ 550

U.S. Program Fee 1 \$5,600

Payable at the start of the adoption process and includes, but is not limited to, costs associated with the intake processes, coordination of education and training required by the Hague Convention and La Vida, staff communication and support, dossier preparation, service plan development and implementation, assessment referral and access to resources, personnel costs, operational costs and other administrative costs.

Dossier Document Review and Certification Service \$300 -\$750

Includes review only or review and full certification processing of all dossier documents.

Immigration Processing Fee \$ 1,500

Collected by the agency on behalf of the attorney and is payable near the completion of the home study. Hague regulations limit who can provide legal services and as a result, the agency uses its attorney to advise, prepare documents, file applications, and monitor cases on behalf of adopting families. These services include: advising family; preparing and filing of an initial (family specific) application and a subsequent (child specific) application; ongoing efforts and communications as typically necessary during the processing of immigration applications; and monitoring of the various approval processes and notifications associated with these approvals.

Foreign Program Country Fee 1 \$5,620

This is payable shortly before your dossier is completed. Foreign Country Fees includes but is not limited to the following: preparation and finalization of court documentation and legal representation in court; courier fees in-country; professional assessments and report by social worker and attorney and legal representation of the family to the SA Central Authority, courts, municipal authorities, etc.; child's medical examination, medical tests, and consultations; administrative and office expenses. Shown in U.S. dollars. Payment is due in South African Rand, therefore the U.S. dollar amount shown will vary depending upon the exchange rate at the time of payment. Wire transfer costs will be additional. Rand amount is R 55 000.

Family Preparation Services Fee \$ 750

Payable shortly before your dossier is completed. This is generally approximately 4 to 5 months after beginning the process. This fee includes, but is not limited to work with family to prepare, educate, and document family's preparation for parenting children with special needs and for parenting children under special circumstances. These services also include preparation of materials and profiles that are designed to assist with the presentation of the family for adoption consideration by the foreign country and others involved in the adoption matching process.

Document Shipping Fee \$ 400

Dossier, post placement report, child photo book and miscellaneous document shipping costs.

Foreign Program Country Fee 2 \$4,272 – \$6,676

Balance of Foreign Country Program Fee. This is payable at the time of child acceptance. Varies according to child's circumstances. Shown in U.S. dollars. Payment is due in South African Rand, therefore the U.S. dollar amount shown will vary depending upon the exchange rate at the time of payment. Wire transfer costs will be additional. Rand amount is R 41 576 to R 64 971.

U.S. Program Fee 2 \$3,200

Payable shortly before your dossier (AKA: country application) is completed. This is generally approximately 4 to 5 months after beginning the process. This fee includes, but is not limited to, coordination of continued education and training, post placement service plan development and implementation, assistance with preparation of referral acceptance and immigration documents, ongoing communication with country partners and adoptive families, travel preparation and travel packets, assistance with re-adoption and naturalization processes, as needed, personnel costs, operational costs and administrative overhead.

Total Costs Not Including Travel \$22,192 - \$25,046

Applicant 1 Initials _____

Applicant 2 Initials _____

Approximate International Travel Costs for 2 Adults / 1 child

Includes estimate of international airfare from your local airport to your arrival point in South Africa, hotel, and car rental. Please note that international airfare varies according to availability and time of year traveled.

\$11,400 -
\$14,700

Total Costs Including Costs of Travel

\$33,592 -
\$39,746

Other Services available through La Vida

Home Study - La Vida’s standard home study fee is \$2,050 (4 face to face visits). Hague convention online training is \$270. A review fee of \$600 applies for families submitting home studies from other agencies for efforts required for review to ensure that the study meets US and foreign country guidelines and requirements and to provide consultation and guidance to the other agency.

Post Adoption Services - The fee for 6 post-placement visits is \$3,000. This includes home visits, writing, translating, and forwarding the official reports to the South African Central Authority. This fee applies to families living in Pennsylvania. Families living outside of Pennsylvania will pay the same fee and a \$200 per report will be retained for monitoring and review, translation, and shipment. \$300 per report will be retained in escrow and is refundable upon timely receipt of each report and supporting documents.

Certification of Documents. La Vida offers full dossier document processing services. The cost for this service is \$750 and includes document review, and obtaining all necessary certifications for dossier documents. Shipping costs and the actual cost of seals will vary depending on applicant’s individual circumstances and are additional.

Applicants who chose to obtain certification of their documents on their own will pay a reduced fee of \$300 for document review only.

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Applicant 2 Initials _____

EXAMPLE OF TYPICAL COSTS OF AN ADOPTION FROM SOUTH AFRICA (102313)

Agency & Country Costs

Application Fee	\$ 550
U.S. Program Fee 1	\$5,600
Dossier Document Review and Certification Service	\$ 300 - \$750
Immigration Processing Fee	\$1,500
Foreign Country Program Fee 1	\$5,620
Family Preparation Services Fee	\$ 750
Document Shipping Fee	\$ 400
Foreign Country Program Fee 2	\$4,272 - \$6,676
U.S. Program Fee 2	\$3,200

Total Costs Not Including Travel

\$22,192
to
\$25,046

Travel Costs For Two (Approximate)

Travel Costs for 2 Adults	\$11,400 - \$14,700
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Total Cost Including Travel For Two

\$33,592
to
\$39,746

Other Costs

Home Study Through La Vida	\$2,050
United States Citizenship and Immigration Service Fees	\$ 890
Child's Visa Fee	\$ 230
Post Adoption Supervision Services Through La Vida	\$3,000

Total Cost Estimated Costs

\$39,762
to
\$45,916

The costs presented in this schedule are estimates based upon current information and prior experience. There is no guarantee that costs will remain the same or that the costs presented in this example are a full and accurate representation of a specific individual's requirements. Please review this example only in the context in which it is presented – a close general approximation for a typical family.

The above fee schedule provides a general overview of the costs of international adoption from the country of South Africa. For a supplemental schedule that provides additional detail of the breakdown of the above costs please download from www.lavida.org/SouthAfricaSupplemental.pdf

Applicant 1 Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant 2 Signature _____ Date _____