

LA VIDA INTERNATIONAL
FEE SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION FROM COLOMBIA (12-01-09)

Application Fee None

Initial Fee \$4,000

This partial agency fee is payable at the start of the adoption process and includes education, documentation, instructions, assistance with USCIS processing and dossier compilation and support, and translation of the letter of intent (\$100).

Fees and costs payable at the completion of documents \$5,500

Payable shortly before your dossier (AKA: country application) is sent to Colombia. This is generally approximately 6 months after beginning the process. Includes agency fees , dossier authentication fee (\$750), and partial payment of attorney fee (\$1,000).

Costs due at the earlier of 12 months after dossier is sent to Colombia or just prior to child assignment \$4,500

Includes partial agency fee, humanitarian aid contribution, and misc. costs and expenses.

Payment Due at Child Assignment \$3,500

This is payable shortly after you receive a child assignment and includes balance of in-country legal representation (\$600), guide during the trip (\$900), child's document translation (\$650) and final agency fee payment (\$1,350).

Approximate International Travel / Living / & In-country Processing Costs for 2 Adults \$6,000

(includes accommodations, meals & tipping, airfare, child's medical exam, registry, passport, visa, and child's adoption documentation processing. Airfare, accommodations and meal costs vary according to time of year of travel and length of trip.

Total Costs Including Costs of Travel **\$23,500**

Other Services available through La Vida

Home Study - La Vida's standard home study fee is \$1,800.

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 other agency.

Post Placement Services - The fee for 4 post-placement visits including the writing, translation, authentication, and forwarding the official reports following each visit is \$2,000.

Certification and Authentication of Documents. La Vida offers full certification and authentication services to assist families. The services include all costs for state and foreign government seals and approvals, overnight shipping for all documents, document review, dossier compilation and processing. The cost for authentication of an entire dossier for a married couple is \$600. The cost for a single adopter is \$500.

USCIS Processing, Monitoring, and Advisory Services – The initial processing of your United States Citizenship and Immigration Service application is included in your agency fee. If subsequent USCIS applications are necessary, a fee of \$500 will be charged for services in support of a re-application process. Such services include the monitoring preceding the application, advisory communication, instruction and materials provision, application review, transmittal to the USCIS, and follow-on services associated with the adjudication of the application.

PLEASE ALSO REFER TO "EXAMPLE OF TYPICAL COSTS OF AN ADOPTION FROM COLOMBIA"

EXAMPLE OF TYPICAL COSTS OF AN ADOPTION FROM COLOMBIA (12-01-09)

Agency & In-Country Service Costs	
Application Fee	\$0
Initial Fee	\$4,000
Completion of Documents Fee	\$5,500
Payment Due 12 months after Dossier is Sent to Colombia	\$4,500
Payment Due at Child Assignment	\$3,500
Approximate International Travel / Living / & In-country Processing Costs for 2 Adults	
	\$6,000
Approximate Total Cost Including Travel / Living / & In-country Processing Costs for 2 Adults	\$23,500
Other Costs	
Home Study Through La Vida (other agencies' fees vary)	\$1,800
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Fees (includes \$160 charge for two adult household member's fingerprint fee)	\$830
Dossier Authentication Service	\$600
Post Placement Supervision Services Through La Vida (4 visits / other agencies' fees vary)	\$2,000
Total Costs Including Estimated Travel Related Costs	\$28,730

The costs presented are estimates based upon prior experience. There are no guarantees that cost will remain the same or those 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 very good approximation.

The expenses shown for travel are estimates for two adults traveling for an average length trip (34 days). Travel costs will vary according to length of trip and accommodations selected. Additional expenses will be likely for souvenirs, phone calls home, laundry, medical expenses, and other minor expenses not shown.

Please visit our web site at www.lavida.org/FeeAllocation.htm for further detail regarding timing of payments and to whom payments are made.

Special fee reduction for families of Colombian descent: The Central Authority of Colombia, ICBF, has published guidelines indicating that overseas adoption agencies are to refrain from charging families of Colombian descent agency fees associated with family preparation, evaluation, and follow-up services, including application fees, studies, and post-placement reports. In accordance with this guideline, La Vida will exempt Colombian families from such fees; and this exemption amounts to a total reduction of \$3,500 applied to the costs outlined in the country fee schedule. A fee reduction of \$1,500 shall be applied to the initial fee due at commencement of adoption services and a fee reduction of \$2,000 shall be applied to the fees due at the completion of documents. To qualify for such exemption, a prospective adoptive parent must supply a current passport or identity card from the country of Colombia at time of application.