



We are happy to announce that we will now be offering a Ukraine Adoption Program facilitated by AMREX.

This program gives your family the unique opportunity to travel and see the children before making a decision on the child they wish to adopt. Because family dossiers are approved by the central authority, court can be scheduled approximately 1 - 2 weeks after a referral is accepted by the family. An adoption in Ukraine requires one trip of approximately 3 - 4 weeks.

This program has very flexible requirements; here are some highlights:

- Caucasian infants (from 15 months), toddlers, older children, and sibling groups are available from almost all regions of Ukraine
- Single women over 25, married couples (previous divorce acceptable) - no upper age limit for adopting parents
- Both parents must be present at the court hearing
- Inexpensive in-country travel and accommodations (ground transportation and home stay are provided)

PROCESS OVERVIEW

-UKRAINE-

The Ukraine program is unique - adoptive parents choose the child they want to adopt by traveling to the orphanage and meeting the available child. Adoptive families are invited to attend an interview at the National Adoption Center (NAC) in Kiev to personally receive referral information regarding children available for adoption. Once a family's dossier is approved by the NAC, they will receive an invitation for this interview.

During the interview at the NAC families will be able to review photos and background information on the children available for adoption at that time. After deciding on possible children, the family will then travel to an orphanage to meet the children. While the family will receive medical reports for the children from the NAC, the examination of a child by a western-trained physician can be arranged.

Once a family has found their forever child, Amrex Ukrainian representatives will handle the rest of the adoption. They will arrange for the court hearing and required official meetings, prepare the child's case for the hearing, and handle post-adoption certificates for the U.S. Embassy visa interview.

Parents' Eligibility

- At least one adoptive parent must be a United States citizen
- Married couples - prior divorce is acceptable
- Single women 25 or older
- Parents must be at least 15 years older than the child
- No upper age limit for prospective parents
- Able to meet financial and health requirements
- No prior criminal record at the state level
- Must satisfy the adoption law requirements of your state
- Must satisfy the CIS requirements for bringing an adopted child into the U.S.
- Prospective parents may be childless or have biological/adoptive children living at the home

Children Available

- Infants (14 months and older), toddlers, older children, and sibling groups are available for adoption
- The children typically have lighter skin and hair and are mostly from Polish, Ukrainian, and Russian descents
- More than one child can be adopted at the same time
- Adequate care is given at the orphanages and children are generally in good health

Court Hearing

Once a family decides to proceed with the adoption the court hearing is scheduled. Typically, the judge grants an adoption during the first hearing and the judge's decision is announced and issued the day of the hearing. However, it does not take effect for 30 calendar days, within which time it can be appealed. Fortunately at this time, 70% of the regions in Ukraine do waive the 30 days. When the 30 days are up or the 30 days are waived, the family is granted parental rights and legal custody for the child.