

The Barker Foundation

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION PROGRAM INFORMATION

COUNTRY	COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS	CHILDREN AVAILABLE & AGE AT REFERRAL	APPROXIMATE TIME FOR REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT*	TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS	APPROX ADOPTION FEES**
<p>CHINA</p> <p>Central Authority: China Center of Adoption Affairs (CCAA)</p>	<p>1. Married couples accepted. Must have been married for at least two years. If either parent has been previously divorced, current marriage must be at least 5 years. Each parent cannot have more than two divorces.</p> <p>2. All adopting parents must be at least 30 years of age and under 50 years of age at the time of submission of their dossier. Generally, one parent must be 30-45 to adopt an infant.</p> <p>3. No more than four children at home.</p> <p>4. Minimum household income: \$10,000 per household member and minimum net worth of \$80,000</p> <p>5. All adopting parents must be in good health physically, mentally and emotionally with a Body Mass Index below 40.</p> <p>6. Any criminal history will be closely reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Healthy infants 6 to 14 months at referral through fourteen years of age. Children are either in orphanage or foster care home.</p> <p>The majority of the children were enrolled into orphanages after being abandoned by their birth parent(s). There is usually no information known about the birth parents.</p>	<p>Currently, about 40 months after we submit your dossier to China, you should receive a referral of a child and travel about 6 to 8 weeks after accepting the referral.***</p> <p>May be expedited for adopting children over six years of age, or if adopting parents are of Chinese descent.</p> <p>(At present the wait for referral could continue to increase.)</p>	<p>Two weeks</p> <p>Depends on how quickly provincial authorities prepare final paperwork and availability of appointments at the U.S. Consulate.</p> <p>At least one parent must travel. We strongly recommend both parents travel.</p>	<p>Barker Fee: \$9,000 International Fee: \$8,150</p>
<p>CHINA WAITING CHILDREN</p>	<p>Same requirements for the China program apply, except parents must be under 55 years of age at the time of dossier submission.</p>	<p>Infant through 14 years of age. Children with a wide range of special needs, from minor correctable to more severe permanent physical needs. Healthy children who are over eight years of age sometimes are placed through this program as well.</p>	<p>A child can be identified once the family completes their dossier. The more open the family is, the less time it takes to identify a child. Once a child is identified, the family travels within six months.</p>	<p>Two weeks</p> <p>Depends on how quickly provincial authorities prepare final paperwork and availability of appointments at the U.S. Consulate. At least one parent must travel. We strongly recommend both parents travel.</p>	<p>Barker Fee: \$9,000 International Fee: \$7,730</p>
<p>COLOMBIA</p> <p>Central Authority: Bienestar</p>	<p>1. Couples married for at least 2 ½ years.</p> <p>2. All adoptive parents must be at least 25 years old. Parents can't be older than 38 to adopt a child 0-3</p>	<p>Infant 6 - 18 months at referral or older children. Parents need to be prepared for a child with correctable needs.</p>	<p>Referral of child approximately 18-24 months after dossier sent to Colombia. For families where one spouse holds a Colombian passport, referral of child might</p>	<p>Four to six weeks (both parents must stay for the first 7-10 days).</p>	<p>Barker Fee: \$9,000 International Fee: \$12,400</p>

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Foreign Partner: FANA (Fundación para la Asistencia de la Niñez Abandonada)	years old. 3. No more than one child already in the home. 4. Adopting parents possess the physical, mental, moral and social suitability to provide a good and stable home to the adopted child.	Parents are required to be flexible with the gender of the child. Colombia – The majority of children were relinquished to the orphanage by the birth mothers. The orphanage has information on birth mothers in most cases and a lot of times, the birth mothers stay in a Home for Birth Mothers during pregnancy. Children could potentially search for their birth mother in some cases after they turn 18.	be expedited. Once the family accepts the referral, they can travel in one to two weeks.		
ETHIOPIA (Networking Program with Wide Horizons for Children)	1. Couples married for at least 2 years and single women are accepted. 2. Parents between the age of 25 and 50 may adopt a child of any age. Parents over 50 are eligible to adopt children 4 years of age and older.	Healthy infants 0-12 months at referral. Toddlers, older children and sibling groups available. The majority of children are relinquished for adoption by the birth mother. Ethiopia strongly encourages that the adoptive parent(s) meet the birth mother.	Currently, 14-24 months to receive a referral for a child 0-18 months of age and 6-12 months to receive a referral for a child over 18 months after the dossier is submitted to Ethiopia. Parents may travel in 2-3 months once they accept the referral.	One week	Barker Fee: \$4,000 WHFC and International Fee: \$14,130
INDIA Central Authority: Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) Foreign Partner: ISSA (The Indian Society for Sponsorship and Adoption)	1. To adopt a healthy infant, the prospective adoptive parents need to be Indian passport holders or OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) card holders [Non-Indian families can adopt a child with special needs or an older child] 2. Married couples with five years of stable relationship accepted. 3. Parents should be at least 30 years of age and no more than 45 years of age to adopt an infant. Married couples willing to adopt an	Children 10 to 18 months and up at referral. Infants & toddlers with minor-significant medical needs. Older children also available.	Currently time frame varies widely, with the wait for a referral generally taking 12-24 months; could be longer.	5 - 10 days If married, at least one parent must travel. We strongly recommend both parents travel.	Barker Fee: \$9,000 International Fee: \$9,000

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	<p>older child can be no older than 55 and the combined age of both parents should not exceed 90 years.</p> <p>4. There must be an age difference of 21 years or more between adoptive parents and child.</p>				
<p>KOREA</p> <p>Governing Body: Social Welfare Society, Inc.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Couples married three years or longer are accepted. Each parent can not have more than one divorce. No more than a ten year age gap between spouses. 2. All adopting parents must be at least 25 years old and must have their dossier submitted to Korea by the time that both parents are 44 years old or younger. 3. All adopting parents must be in good health physically, mentally and emotionally with a maximum permissible Body Mass Index not to exceed 30 percent. Medical situations reviewed on case-by-case basis. 4. Family cannot have more than four children already in the home. 5. Minimum household income of \$30,000. 6. Any criminal history will need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. 	<p>Healthy infants 6 to 12 months at referral. All children are in foster care homes.</p> <p>Korea-Most children available for adoption are placed by unmarried mothers who are concerned about the stigma against children who are born out of wedlock. The referrals presented typically have a fair amount of information about the birth mother and many times, information about birth father as well. The agency in South Korea offers and strongly encourages use of their post-placement support services for birthmothers and adopted children. This includes exchanges of letters and pictures and possible reunions. However, due to the ongoing stigma, many birthmothers chose not to have a relationship with the adopted child.</p>	<p>Currently, 6-9 months after submission of your dossier to Korea. On average, travel clearance is granted 2-4 months after the referral is accepted.</p>	<p>Parents are strongly encouraged to travel to Korea and may do so upon receipt of the child's travel clearance. Parents should plan to be in Korea at least three business days but no more than one week.</p> <p>Parents may also opt to use an escort service. The family is required to meet the escort and child at the airport.</p>	<p>Barker Fee: \$8,250 International Fee: \$16,540 (if traveling to Korea) \$18,540 (if using escort services)</p>
<p>NEPAL (PILOT PROGRAM AS OF BEGINNING OF 2009.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Married couples and single women accepted. 2. Married couples must have been married for at least four years. 3. Parents must be between the ages of 30-55. Parents over 45 	<p>Healthy infants 10 months and up at referral through fifteen years of age.</p>	<p>Estimated 6 to 12 months after we receive your dossier, you should receive a referral of a child and travel 4 to 6 months later.</p>	<p>2 weeks</p> <p>If married, at least one parent must travel. We strongly recommend both parents travel.</p>	<p>Barker Fee: \$9,000 International Fee: estimated \$13,500</p>

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<p>CURRENTLY OPEN TO APPLICATIONS FOR ADOPTION OF OLDER CHILDREN ONLY.)</p> <p>Central Authority: Ministry of Women, Children & Social Welfare)</p>	<p>years of age may need to prepare to adopt a toddler or older child. 4. Families with no children can adopt a child of either gender. Families with one child must adopt a child of the opposite gender. Families with two children of the opposite gender are not allowed to adopt from Nepal.</p>				

* Time frames are based on our current experience and feedback in each country at the time this was printed. Please understand that for any country, time frames can fluctuate (increase *and* decrease) over time. Therefore, the time frames for your adoption several months from now may not exactly match the current time frame estimates above. Once you begin the adoption process through a particular country, Barker will keep you advised if time frames change for your country of adoption.

** For Barker programs, the Barker Fee includes home study, dossier assistance and three post placement reports in addition to standard program services. The International Fee does not include CIS fees or travel expenses. Fees are subject to change and may vary based on the jurisdictional home of the applicants.

*** Referrals from China are typically received in chronological order based on the date your complete and correct dossier is submitted to the China Center of Adoption Affairs, regardless of agency.

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