

## Budgeting for Adoption

	Russia	China	Independent domestic infant	Agency domestic infant	Fost-adopt <sup>4</sup>
<b>Preparation</b>					
Homestudy	\$750–\$3,000	\$750–\$1,200	\$750–\$3,000	\$750–\$3,000	\$0–\$2,500
Documentation & authentication	\$1,000–\$2,000	\$1,000–\$2,000	\$50–\$300		
I-600 visa application	\$500–\$600	\$500–\$600			
Postage/telephone	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	\$200–\$500	
<b>Adoption</b>					
Application fee	\$150–\$600	\$150–\$600		\$100–\$600	
Program fee	\$16,000–\$28,000	\$3,000–\$5,000		\$1,600–\$6,000	
Child's passport/visa	\$300–\$400	\$300–\$400			
Child's medical exams	\$200–\$500	\$100–\$200			
Gifts	\$100–\$200	\$100–\$200			
Foreign fees		\$2,000			
Orphanage donation		\$5,000			
Post-placement reports <sup>1</sup>	\$400–\$1,000	\$300–\$500	\$400–\$1,000		
Attorney fees			\$4,500–\$9,500	\$500–\$3,000	\$0–\$1,500
Advertising/networking			\$0–\$5,000		
Birth family counseling			\$700–\$2,500	\$700–\$2,500	
Birthmother expenses			\$0–\$5,000	\$0–\$5,000	
Foster care			\$0–\$2,000	\$0–\$2,000	
<b>Travel</b>					
(Airfare, hotels, etc.)	\$10,000–\$20,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$4,000–\$10,000 <sup>3</sup>	\$0–\$5,000	\$0–\$2,000	\$0–\$2,000
<b>Average Cost</b>					
<b>(Before tax credit)</b>	\$35,000+	\$20–\$25,000	\$15–\$25,000	\$15–\$25,000	\$2–5,000
<b>Tax Credit <sup>5</sup></b>					
Maximum credit	\$12,150 per finalization	\$12,150 per finalization	\$12,150 per attempt	\$12,150 per attempt	\$12,150

### All budgets

- (1) May be included in program fee or homestudy fee.
- (2) Two round-trips for two adults; one-way fare for child.
- (3) One round-trip for two adults; one-way fare for child.
- (4) Costs of adopting a child from foster care may be eligible for reimbursement (up to \$2,000) by the child's state, depending on state regulations. Also, adoptions of U.S. children with special needs are eligible for the federal tax credit, regardless of actual expenses.
- (5) Subject to income limitations.