



Illinois Itemized Schedule of Fees for Intercountry Adoption

1. Home Study Prepared by Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois: The expected total fees and estimated expenses for home study preparation and approval.
 - A. Home Study - \$2,300 if within 100 miles from the office or \$2,450 if beyond 100 miles from the office. This fee includes the initial application process and services provided by Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois to prepare and complete the adoptive home study. The first half is due at the initial interview and the final payment is due at the first home visit, unless other payment arrangements are agreed upon in writing and signed by both parties.
 - B. Home Study for Subsequent Adoptions - \$600 if within 100 miles from the office or \$750 if beyond 100 miles from the office - This fee is applicable if/when a prospective adoptive parent(s) is seeking a subsequent adoption after an adoption has been previously completed through Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois or by a Gateway Woods Family Services employee. This fee is billed at the home visit.
 - A. Home Study Update - \$350 if within 100 miles from the office or \$500 if beyond 100 miles from the office – This fee is applicable if home study updates are required in order for the original home study to maintain compliance, or if there has been a significant change since the original home study. This fee is billed at the home visit.
2. Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Report(s): The expected total fees and estimated expenses for any postplacement or post-adoption reports that the agency prepares in light of any requirements of the expected country of origin or state of residence. Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois does not assess any fees for post adoption self-reports prepared by the adoptive parents.
 - A. \$350 per visit/report if within 100 miles from the office or \$500 if beyond 100 miles from the office. \$150 per visit/report each additional child – This fee covers the cost for Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois to provide supervision after the family's arrival home with the child(ren). This includes visits in the home and written reports. These fees are payable upon completion of the post placement/adoption visit. The number of post-placement/post-adoption reports required varies, depending on the country from which the child is adopted. These reports are submitted to the placing agency and sending country, as required.
3. Adoption Expenses in the United States: The expected total fees and estimated expenses for all adoption services (other than the home study described above) that will be provided in the United States. These expenses include, but are not limited to, personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education, communications and publication costs.



A. Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois does not charge any additional fees for adoption expenses in the United States.

4. Foreign Country Program Expenses: The expected total fees and estimated expenses for all adoption services that will be provided in the child's country of origin. These expenses include, but are not limited to, personnel costs, administrative overhead, training, education, legal services and communications and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the child's country of origin.

A. Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois does not provide services in this area.

5. Care of the child: The expected total fees and estimated expenses charged to prospective adoptive parent(s) for the care of the child in the country of origin prior to adoption, including, but not limited to, costs for food, clothing, shelter and medical care; foster care services; orphanage care; and any other services provided directly to the child.

A. Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois does not provide services in this area.

6. Translation and document expenses: The expected total fees and estimated expenses for obtaining any necessary documents and for any translation of documents related to the adoption, along with information on whether the prospective adoptive parents will be expected to pay such costs directly or to third parties, either in the United States or in the child's country of origin. This category includes, but is not limited to, costs for obtaining, translating, or copying records or documents required to complete the adoption, costs for the child's court documents, passport, adoption certificate and other documents related to the adoption, and costs for notarizations and certifications.

A. Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois does not provide services in this area.

7. Contributions: Any fixed contribution amount or percentage that the prospective adoptive parent(s) will be expected or required to make to child protection or child welfare service programs in the child's country of origin or in the United States, along with an explanation of the intended use of the contribution and the manner in which the transaction will be recorded and accounted for.

A. Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois does not provide services in this area.

8. Possible additional expenses, in addition to those described above:

A. *Third party fees*. The expected total fees and estimated expenses for services that the prospective adoptive parent(s) will be responsible to pay directly to a third party. Such third-party fees include, but are not limited to, fees to competent authorities for services rendered or Central Authority processing fees. The times when fees are due will be set by the provider of the service.

- a. FBI and Illinois State Police Fingerprint Based Background Check - \$63 per adult - Cost is based upon the service provider of which the Agency utilizes. This background check is applicable to adoptive applicant(s) and any adult household members age 17 or over.

- b. Birth Certificates, Marriage Licenses, Notarizations, Apostilles - \$0-100 - Cost varies depending upon number of documents needed and fees charged by the county clerk/court.
- c. Medical Evaluation, TB Test, Other Lab Work - \$0-\$500 - Cost varies depending upon medical provider and medical insurance coverage. Medical visits must cover all requirements set forth by Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois and/or the placing agency.
- d. Psychological Evaluation - \$500 - \$1000 - This requirement varies depending upon the foreign country. This fee is payable to the psychologist.
- e. Pre-Adoption Medical Consultation and Review of Child(ren) Referral Information - \$250 - \$1000 - It is generally recommended that prospective adoptive parent(s) consult with a medical professional experienced in international adoption to review child referral materials. Such cost varies by clinic and/or adoption center.
- f. Pre-/Post-Adoption Training - \$120 - \$250 - Minimum of 10 hours of Hague compliant preadoption education and training are required. Requirements vary depending upon the foreign country and/or placing agency. CPR certification may be required for adoptive parents with water hazards in or near their home.
- g. I-800A Application & Fingerprint Fee - \$920 -
<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/g-1055.pdf>

Please note that third party fees are estimated and are not under the control of Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois. The above-stated costs are related to home study and post-placement/post-adoption services only. The placing agency will also disclose other fees related to adoption services other than the home study and post-adoption/post-placement services. Fees will vary depending upon the placing agency and the child's country of origin. These include but are not limited to fees for administrative and personnel, overhead costs, operations, training, communications, collaboration, care of the child, contributions, travel and travel accommodations, translation, and other document expenses. The placing agency and foreign country fees range from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

- B. *Travel and accommodation expenses.* The expected total fees and estimated expenses for any travel, transportation, and accommodation services arranged by the agency for the prospective adoptive parent(s).
- a. Social Worker Travel Fees - The current IRS mileage rate. Travel fees will only be incurred for travel beyond 100 miles round trip for home visits. Fees are payable upon billing, after the travel has occurred.
 - b. Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois does not directly arrange any travel, transportation, or accommodation services for the prospective adoptive parent(s). This is the responsibility of the Primary Provider and/or other adoption service provider(s).

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR GATEWAY WOODS FAMILY SERVICES ILLINOIS AND THIRD-PARTY FEES

- 1. Total Estimated Costs for Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois: \$3,700 (home study, 4 post adoption reports, no additional mileage, no updates)
- 2. Total Estimated Third-Party Costs: \$1,200 - \$4,000

REFUND POLICY

Home Study Fees: In the event that the prospective adoptive family would discontinue services prior to the home visit, any fees collected will be refunded. If services are discontinued after the home visit, payment is not refundable. There is no refund of the home study update fee, as the fee is collected at the home visit.

Post Placement/Adoption Report: Fees are nonrefundable after the home visit. Any pre-payment prior to a visit will be fully refunded.

Refunds will be given within 60 days of cancellation.

We have reviewed the fee schedule and refund policy before receiving any adoption services from Gateway Woods Family Services Illinois and have had the opportunity to have any question answered. We are aware that these fees may change and that Gateway Woods will notify us of any changes.

Adoptive Parent Signature

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Adoption Program Manager

Date