

India Adoption Program (Network Agency)

Schedule of Fees & Estimated Expenses

Effective March 1, 2024

The Barker Adoption Foundation is a private, non-profit child-placing agency licensed in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Our adoption programs are financed primarily through adoption fees and donations. Fees for our domestic programs are on a sliding scale based on a comprehensive assessment of the total household income as verified in the initial, approved home study. We use combined family income as reported by parent(s) and verified by employer and tax reports to determine the sliding scale fee. A description of the program's associated fees and the schedule for their payment are included in the tables below. This document serves as a fee agreement between The Barker Adoption Foundation and the adoptive parent(s) named below.

Fee	Full Service	22 CFR	Payment Terms	Description / What to Expect
INTAKE				
Application Fee	\$550	§96.40 (b)2	Due at time of application submission	Review of application to establish initial program eligibility
Comprehensive Pre-Adoption Training (NTDC)	\$450/Couple \$250/Single	§96.40 (b)2	Due at time of course registration	Required 24 hour pre-adoption training course utilizing the National Training and Development Curriculum (NTDC)
Clinical Intake	\$350	§96.40 (b)2	Due when scheduling intake interview	Initial clinical interview
Home Study Admin Fee - Network (Phase I - Network)	\$2,000	§96.40 (b)2	Due after intake meeting is complete and application is approved	Coordination with homestudy agency, homestudy review, approval, and administrative support and consultation to complete required homestudy documentation
Hague Monitoring & Oversight Fee One (1) Child	\$815	§96.40 (b)2	Due after intake meeting is complete and application is approved (fee is non-refundable)	Covers costs associated with oversight by the Center for Excellence in Adoption Services (CEAS), which is an accrediting entity authorized by the US Department of State; includes required monitoring, oversight, data collection, and reporting services provided by CEAS
Hague Monitoring & Oversight Fee Each Additional Child	\$815	§96.40 (b)2	Due after intake meeting is complete and application is approved (fee is non-refundable)	Same as above.
Technology Fee	\$250	§96.40 (b)2	Due after intake meeting is complete and application is approved (fee is non-refundable)	Access to electronic adoption paperwork portal (Fees paid directly to MyAdoptionPortal)
HOMESTUDY & DOSSIER				
Dossier & Parent Support Fee (Phase II - Network)	\$2,500	§96.40 (b)2	Due prior to CARA registration	Coordination with United States Citizen Immigration Services (USCIS); dossier assistance; coordination with international agencies and partners; individual and group Waiting Parent Meeting support during waiting period
Program Maintenance Fee I	\$3,050	§96.40 (b)2	Due after home study completion and prior to CARA registration	Covers costs associated with maintaining BAF adoption services in India including licensing, staffing, agency travel, and other administrative expenses

REFERRAL & PLACEMENT				
Referral Acceptance & Post Adoption Processing Fee - Network (Phase III - Network)	\$3,000	\$96.40 (b)2	Due upon acceptance of referral	Coordination with the homestudy agency during the wait for referral, preparation for travel, preparation for post-adoption period; coordination with international agencies and partners; communication with and support of family during waiting period; completion of Child Specific Training upon acceptance of referral; coordination with USCIS; travel planning meetings; communication with overseas partners concerning referral questions, travel plans and preparation for travel; collection, preparation and submission of post-adoption reports to CARA
CARA and Orphanage Fee One (1) Child	\$5,000	\$96.40 (b)4	Due at time of referral acceptance	<p>This fee covers costs associates with the care of the child in India prior to adoption; including but not limited to, cost for food, clothing, shelter, medical care, foster care and other services provided directly to the child.</p> <p>Families matched through CARA's traditional heritage program may be eligible for a partial refund of \$4300-\$4400. When a refund is available, BAF provides a post-finalization opportunity for families to make a donation to the SAA that cared for the child.</p>
CARA and Orphanage Fee Each Additional Child	\$1,000	\$96.40 (b)4	Due at time of referral acceptance	This fee applies if adopting an additional child/ren
Program Maintenance Fee II	\$3,000	\$96.40 (b)2	Due at time of referral acceptance	Covers costs associated with maintaining BAF adoption services in India including licensing, staffing, agency travel, and other administrative expenses
Referral Acceptance Dossier Mailing Fee	\$200	\$96.40 (b)5	Due at time of referral acceptance	Covers costs of mailing hard copies of referral acceptance documentation to SAA for purposes of adoption finalization through local District Magistrate or court.
Post-Adoption Deposit	\$1,000	\$96.40 (b)2	Due at time of referral acceptance; fund are refunded upon completion of post-adoption requirements	This refundable deposit is held in escrow to ensure the completion of all post-adoption requirements including completion and submission of all post-adoption reports and certification of citizenship (COC)
AS NEEDED SERVICES				
3-Year Home Study Report Revalidation Fee	\$1,500	\$96.40 (b)2	Due prior to upload of Revalidation documents to CARA portal	Covers administrative support during Home Study Revalidation process, required by CARA every 3 years.
Apostille Management Services	\$70	\$96.40 (b)5	Due at time of service request	<p>Upon request and based on BAF staff availability, families may request that BAF manage the apostille process for referral acceptance paperwork; BAF will secure the apostille for all applicable documents once; families are required to ensure that all documents are properly completed, notarized and delivered to the BAF office</p> <p>Please Note: Fees associated with the apostille process are not included in this service; an itemized fee summary will be provided for payment with family's invoice; esitimated shipping ranges from \$15 - \$50 per state; apostille costs vary by state</p>

Referral Acceptance Paperwork Photocopy Fee	\$50/set	\$96.40 (b)5	Due at time of service request	Upon request and based on BAF staff availability, families may request that BAF staff make photocopies required by court or DM for finalization of adoption.
Homestudy Documentation Related Expenses	Variable		Due at time of documentation request	Fees associated with obtaining home study related documentation such as driving records, background clearances, employment verification and/or home inspections, etc. These fees are usually nominal and vary by state of residence and program requirements. Usually paid directly by family to service provider.
Post-Match Consultation	\$300	\$96.40 (b)2	Due after match with a child	Post-Match Consultation with the BAF Post Adopt Department to receive personalized education, community resource referrals and support for matched families
Additional Adoptive Parent Training	\$20 - \$150	\$96.40 (b)2	Due at time of course registration	Additional education may be required based on the specific needs of a family; these trainings can be online or in-person; fees are set by and paid directly to the provider
Refundable Court Bond	\$1000 (Estimated)	\$96.40 (b)3 \$96.40 (b)5 \$96.40 (b)5	Due at time of court order	The court bond only applies at certain courts in India; it is paid directly by families in-country when applicable

INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAM FEE NOTICE

The fee agreement above includes Intercountry Program fee payments. These fees are identified in the table below for reference and are not in addition to the above fees. Intercountry Program fee payments will be made to Barker and sent by our Agency directly to the agency overseas accordingly.

Current overseas fee information (including estimated fees for travel and lodging) is listed separately in the second chart below, although intercountry fees are subject to change. In all cases, travel expenses, including airfare, ground transportation, and hotel accommodations for the family and child(ren) are additional.

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ADDITIONAL THIRD PARTY FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (22 CFR 96.40 (C)1				
SERVICE			FEE	
Homestudy			\$2000 - \$5000 (Estimate only; costs may vary by agency) Homestudy to be provided by an exempt provider in family's state of residence	
Homestudy Update (HSU)			\$300 - \$1000 (Estimate only; costs may vary by agency) Homestudy to be provided by an exempt provider in family's state of residence in accordance with State and/or USCIS guidelines	
Post-Adoption Report Each Report			\$200 - \$400 (Estimate only; costs may vary by agency) Minimum of five (5) post-adoption reports to be provided by an exempt provider in family's state of residence; additional reports may be required by country of origin, court or agency	
CAIRS Portal Fee (Technology Fee)			\$250	
Web-based Pre-Adoption Training			\$200-\$600 based on BAF current requirements	
Pre-Placement Medical Review of Child Referral			\$400-\$800 (highly variable; fee determined by medical provider)	
USCIS I-800A Application & Biometrics			\$920	
USCIS I-800A First & Second Renewal			No charge, no biometrics required	
USCIS I-800A Third and Subsequent Renewals			\$455	
USCIS Significant Change or Updated HS Outside Standard Renewal Schedule			\$455	
USCIS Fingerprinting (Biometric Fee)			Included in I-800A Application fee	
USCIS I-800 Petition to Classify Adoptee as Immediate Relative			\$920	
Psychological Evaluation (Required by India)			Approximately \$1000 - \$3000 per couple (fee determined by psychologist)	
US Passport for Adopting Parent(s)			\$110 - \$160 per person	
Visa for Adopting Parent(s)			\$76 - \$166 per person	
In-Country Medical Exam			\$100 - \$300	
Fee for Exit Permit/FRRO Process			500 INR (approximately \$6-\$9 dependant upon exchange rate) + Optional fee for	
Child Visa			\$325	
State and Federal Background Checks, Police Clearances, Child Protection Reports, Department of Motor Vehicle Reports, and Housing Inspections			Vary by State and County and range from \$10-\$70 per person per clearance	
Travel Costs (Airfare, Ground Transportation, Meals, and Hotel Accomodations)			Airfare: \$2000 average/per person (fees vary depending many factors) Ground Transportation and Meals: \$25-\$100/per day per person Hotel Accomodations: \$100-\$200/per night	
Court Finalization Fees (include attorney and court filing fees to readopt in the U.S.)			Approximately \$1500-\$2000	
BAF STATEMENT ON ADDITIONAL EXPENSES				
The Barker Adoption Foundation does not customarily charge additional fees and expenses beyond those disclosed in this contract. In the event that unforeseen additional fees and expenses are incurred in the foreign country, the Agency charges such additional fees and expenses only under the following conditions:				
(a) the fees and expenses are disclosed in writing to the prospective adopting parent(s);				
(b) specific consent of the prospective adopting parent(s) is obtained before expending any funds in excess of \$1000 for which the agency will hold the prospective adopting parent(s) responsible; and				
(c) Written receipts are provided to the prospective adopting parent(s) for fees and expenses paid directly by the Agency to the intercountry program.				

REFUND POLICY

Barker has established a fee structure permitting applicants to pay agency fees in phases over the course of the adoption process. Because Barker's work with applicants is ongoing, and because applicants pay fees as services are rendered, fees cannot be refunded for services already rendered. Any returns should be on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of Barker.

The refunding of international fees varies by country. Although Barker will make a diligent effort to obtain refunds of any international fees paid to a foreign authority/service provider/contractor, it cannot guarantee a refund. If applicants withdraw from the adoption process for any reason, or if the adoption fails for any reason, Barker cannot guarantee the return of any portion of the international fees. If fees are returned, Barker will approve the refund decision and return the fees to the applicants within sixty days.

Fees paid to CEAS through Barker for the purposes of Hague monitoring and oversight are non-refundable.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

If a family fails to properly disclose information, misrepresents material on the application or during the home study process, or in any way places the agency and its interests at risk, The Barker Adoption Foundation reserves the right to terminate the adoption process without providing any refund. The Executive Director or the Domestic Program Director retains the right to assess individual cases and determine refunds for atypical cases.

I/we, the undersigned, have read and understand the above fee schedule. I/we understand that The Barker Adoption Foundation reserves the right to terminate, without liability or obligation, its consideration of an applicant at any point before the child(ren)'s entering the family's custody. The Barker fees set forth in this agreement will not change during the course of this adoption, unless additional requirements are placed on the Baker Adoption Foundation by virtue of us moving to, and needing to comply with, the requirements of another jurisdiction or, if additional requirements are placed on Barker Adoption Foundation by the sending country, state, attorney or placement agency. This may include, but will not be limited to, a request for additional home visits or reports. Fees are due for all services rendered, regardless of whether a child is placed and regardless of who terminates the process.

This agreement does not supersede the terms of the Service Agreement, dated, _____ which remains in full force and effect.

Home Address

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

The Barker Adoption Foundation Representative
Signature

Date

PLEASE NOTE: Direct service fees for The Barker Adoption Foundation may be paid by PayPal or credit card. Country fees paid through Barker may be paid by credit card, wire or certified check.