

LIBERIAN PROGRAM
JOYFUL WORLD MINISTRIES, INC.
AMERICANS FOR AFRICAN ADOPTIONS, INC.
INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION FEES & ESTIMATED COSTS
January 2018

LIBERIA	Fees
Application fee:	\$400
JWM Home study: for New Mexico residents: _____	\$2000 plus travel _____
Out-of-State residents: _____	Fee determined by home study agency _____
Interagency Fee.	\$500
Humanitarian Aid Donation: Mail with Service Policy and Agreement. Tax-deductible for Humanitarian Fund. Donations are used for humanitarian aid projects and each family will be given a receipt for this donation. This donation is received by JWM and AFAA - will go to support the AFAA House and vehicle, counseling to expectant mothers or birth families, local families in need, towards special needs and/or family adoptions, and/or to a humanitarian aid project at the agencies' discretion.	\$1250 for adopting families. Waived for special needs adoptions. \$500 for Liberian/ American families
US Program Fee: JWM, Inc. and AFAA, Inc. agency processing fee is received by AFAA & JWM and covers agencies cost to facilitate your adoption with Liberian orphanages, US agencies, Liberian and US attorneys and government officials in the United States and Liberia. This fee includes two hours Hague training specific to Liberia; post-placement processing and shipping; personnel costs to include training; administrative overhead; filing fees; US operational costs; communication with Liberia; child referrals; dossier preparation; assistance with USCIS forms and applications, communication, publications costs associated with providing adoption services in-country.	\$7400 one child \$3000 additional for each related or unrelated child. \$3600 – (\$3800 agency grant for special needs child)
International Fees: Includes dossier review by orphanage, plus multiple Liberian government Ministries, Liberian lawyer and court; Liberian government officer's investigation and report; orphanage investigation of the child's background, family and any known witnesses involved; child's initial medical exam and HIV, Hepatitis B and Sickle Cell tests. Child's original birth certificate, 2nd birth certificate with adopting family's last name. Death certificates of biological parents, if applicable, Child's Liberian passport. Obtaining, copying records and/or documents required to complete the adoption and other documents related to the adoption;	\$4700 one child \$3000 additional for each <i>child</i>

<p>notarization; international shipping; representing adoptive parents with various Liberian Ministries including the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Liberian immigration department, US Embassy, Embassy doctor, includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, coordination and communication costs and miscellaneous costs associated with providing adoptive services in Liberia. There are no translation fees as English is the national language.</p> <p>These fees are received by:</p> <p>GOL Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection. AFAA House Orphanage Director and Staff - Oretha D. James SALT Physical Therapy Clinic - if needed The Kemp & Associates Legal Consultancy Chambers, Inc. GOL Judicial Branch of the Montserrado County High Court GOL Ministry of Health & Social Welfare GOL Birth Certificate Office GOL Death Certificate Office GOL Ministry of Foreign Affairs GOL Immigration Department Liberian Police Liberian doctors, clinics, nurses, x-ray technicians, etc.</p>	
<p>Orphanage Child Care Fee for children living at the AFAA House: Estimated expenses for care of <i>one child</i> in Liberia prior to the adoption, including, but not limited to expenses for food, medical care, clothing, shelter, staffing and other services provided directly to the child. <i>This fee only applies if your child is at the AFAA House.</i></p> <p>Education fees for children at the AFAA House: Private Christian school tuition, uniforms and supplies - age 4 and up.</p>	<p>\$1500 per child</p> <p>\$375 per child per year</p>
<p>Post-decree: Three home visits and reports for the first year to Liberia and assistance with the Recognition of Foreign Adoption decree and birth certificate.</p> <p>New Mexico Residents pay to JWM:</p> <p>Out of State Residents pay to home study agency</p>	<p>\$1000</p> <p>Fee set by home study agency</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fee Schedule</p> <p>\$400 due with the Application to JWM, Inc.</p> <p>\$500 is due when you start your homestudy with an out-of-state agency</p> <p>Humanitarian Fee</p> <p>\$1250 due when the application is accepted and the Service and Policy Agreement Contract is submitted</p> <p>\$500 for Liberian/American families.</p>	<p>\$400 to JWM</p> <p>\$500 to JWM</p> <p>\$1250 to AFAA</p> <p>or</p>

<p>Waived for special needs</p>	\$500
<p>First Program Payment \$2000 due when your home study is approved.</p>	\$2000 to AFAA
<p>Second Program Payment due when you are matched with a child \$2700 US Program fee for 1st child & \$1500 for each additional child \$4700 International Fee for 1st child and \$3000 for each additional related child \$750 (½) orphanage fee for each child \$375 School fee</p>	<p>\$8150 for one child to AFAA \$5250 for each additional child \$375 for each school age child</p>
<p>Third Program Payment when Child Report is completed by GOL \$2700 US Program Fee for 1st child & \$1500 for each additional child. \$750 (2nd half) of the Orphanage Fee for each child.</p>	<p>\$3450 for one child to AFAA \$2250for each additional child.</p>
<p>Post-placement fee \$1000 for NM OR Fee determined by home study agency due prior to travel</p>	
<p>Waivers, Reductions And Refunds: Reduced Fees or possible waivers: see above for special needs and siblings. Refunded Fees. Application and Humanitarian Fees are non-refundable. Fees sent to Liberia for any Foreign Country Services and the Care of the Child(ren) are non-refundable once the money has been transferred to Liberia. Fees for services rendered are non-refundable.</p>	

Additional and Estimated Third Party Fees, not covered in the Program Fees above and paid directly by the adopting family (known fees are added):

USCIS I-600A per family + fingerprints for two adults - (\$775, plus \$85 biometric per each adult - please check USCIS for any changes in fees).

USCIS I-600 form for each unrelated child - family pays to US Embassy in Liberia - An additional \$775 for each unrelated child -please check USCIS for any changes in fees).

Additional Hague training through your homestudy agency or on-line (\$100 - \$500)

Parents Passports and two passport photos for each parent.(approximately \$135- \$165 for passport and \$10-\$20 for photos).

Parents Liberian Visas – pay to Liberian Embassy in DC - is good for three months. (\$130 - please check with the Liberian embassy in Washington for any changes).

Child’s US visa – families pay to the US Embassy in Liberia. (\$325 per child).

Liberia (US Embassy designated) Medical Exam Doctors (\$125 - 150 up to Age of 15 - \$325- \$375).

Recognition of the Foreign Adoption decree or Re-adoption - United States attorney fees, court fees and

US birth certificates – fees are dependent on your state of residency and your attorney of choice.

USCIS Certificate of Citizenship – if the child arrives with an IR-4 Visa. (\$1170 - please see USCIS for changes). If your child arrives on an IR-3 visa there is no fee for the Citizenship Certificate.

Travel and Accommodation, meals and other personal in-country expenses

Vaccinations and Malaria medication (please consult your health dept. and/or health care provider)

Air travel - (One trip, by at least one parent, for approximately three weeks is required \$1900 and \$3000)

Basic guesthouse estimate - \$75 a day.

Guest House Meals, per meal, per person - estimate of \$25 a meal, each person

Other guest houses and hotels are available - up to about \$375 a

In-country transportation — paid to orphanage director for fuel and car rental - \$50 for a full day.

Internet and phone services - estimate of \$25 a day.

Gifts and souvenirs – at your discretion