

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

<b>LIBERIA</b>	<b>Fees</b>
<b>Application fee:</b>	\$400
<b>JWM Home study:</b> for New Mexico residents: <hr/> Out-of-State residents: <hr/> Out-of-State home study review & inter-agency agreement by JWM, Inc.	\$2,000 plus travel <hr/> Fee determined by homestudy agency <hr/> \$350
<b>Humanitarian Aid Donation: Mail with Service Policy and Agreement.</b> 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 - may go to the AFAA House and vehicle, free counseling to expectant or birth families, to local families in need, towards special needs and/or family adoptions, and/or to a humanitarian aid project at the agencies' discretion.	\$1,000 for adopting families.  Waived for special needs adoptions & Liberian American families
<b>US Agency Fee:</b> JWM, Inc. & AFAA, Inc. agency processing fee is received by AFAA & JWM & covers agencies cost to facilitate your adoption with Liberian orphanages, US agencies, Liberian & US attorneys & government officials in the United States and Liberia. This fee includes 10 hours of Hague training specific to Liberia; post-placement processing & shipping; personnel costs to include training; administrative overhead; filing fees; US operational costs; communication with Liberia; child referrals; dossier preparation; assistance with USCIS forms & applications, communication, publications costs associated with providing adoption services in-country.	\$6,000 one child  \$1,500 additional for each related or unrelated child.  \$3,600 – (\$1,500 grant for special needs child)
<b>International Fees:</b> Includes dossier review for orphanage, multiple Liberian government Ministries, Liberian lawyer & court; Liberian government officer's investigation & report; orphanage investigation of the child's background, family & any known witnesses involved; child's initial medical exam & HIV, Hepatitis B & Sickle Cell tests; the US Embassy medical exam. Child's original birth certificate, 2nd birth certificate with adopting family's last name. Child's Liberian passport. Obtaining, copying records and/or documents required to complete the adoption & other documents related to the adoption; notarization; international shipping; representing adoptive parents with various Liberian Ministries including the Foreign Affairs Ministry,	\$3,500 one child  \$2,500 additional for each <i>related or            unrelated</i> child when adopted by an American family

<p>includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, coordination &amp; communication costs &amp; miscellaneous costs associated with providing adoptive services in Liberia. There are no translation fees as English is the national language.</p> <p><b>These fees are received by:</b></p> <p>GOL Ministry of Gender, Children &amp; Social Protection.  AFAA House Orphanage Director - Oretha D. James  The Kemp &amp; Associates Legal Consultancy Chambers, Inc.  GOL Judicial Branch of the Monterrado County Probate Court  GOL Ministry of Health &amp; Social Welfare  GOL Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Liberian Police  Liberian (US Embassy approved and designated) Medical Exam Doctors</p>	<p>\$500 for each additional <b>related</b> child for a Liberian/American family</p>
<p><b>Orphanage Child Care Fee:</b> 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, education (when applicable) staffing and other services provided directly to the child.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p><b>Post-decree:</b>  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 <b>pay to JWM:</b></p> <p>Out of State Residents <b>pay to homestudy agency</b></p>	<p>\$1,000</p> <p>Fee set by home study agency</p>
<p><b>Fee Schedule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Application fee - <b>pay to JWM, Inc. with the application</b></li> <li>● The Humanitarian tax-deductible donation - <b>pay to AFAA with the Service and Policy Agreement Contract</b></li> </ul> <p>Out-of-State Home Study review by JWM paid when homestudy is submitted by homestudy agency for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First payment of the US Agency, International &amp; Orphanage fees are due when you <b>are matched with a child and sign the agreement to accept the placement.</b></li> </ul> <p>The 2nd payment of the <b>US Agency, International &amp; Orphanage and post-placement fees are paid prior to travel.</b></p>	<p>\$400 to JWM</p> <p>\$1,000 pay to AFAA</p> <p>\$350 pay to JWM</p> <p>See fees above Paid to AFAA</p> <p>See fees above Paid to AFAA</p>

<b>Waivers, Reductions And Refunds:</b>	
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Reduced Fees or 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.

**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 -(please check USCIS for any changes in fees). (\$775, plus \$85 biometric per person)

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..)

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

Parents Liberian Visas – paid to Liberian Embassy in DC or purchased when entering Liberia.

The Liberian visa is good for three months. (\$131)

Child’s US visa – families pay to the US Embassy in Liberia. (\$325.00 per child)

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)

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

Travelers vaccinations & 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. \$1500-\$3000 round trip)

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 & car rental - \$50 for a full day.

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

Gifts and souvenirs – at your discretion

For adoptions finalized in 2017, there is a federal adoption tax credit of up to \$13,570 per child. The 2017 adoption tax credit is **NOT** a refundable credit, which means taxpayers will only receive the credit refunded if they have federal income tax liability (see below). There is not an additional Special Needs tax credit for children who are adopted internationally.