

LIBERIAN PROGRAM
JOYFUL WORLD MINISTRIES, INC.
AMERICANS FOR AFRICAN ADOPTIONS, INC.
INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION FEES & ESTIMATED COSTS
March 1, 2018

LIBERIA	Fees
Application fee:	\$400
JWM Home study: for New Mexico residents: <hr/> Out-of-State residents: <hr/> Interagency Fee.	\$2000 plus travel <hr/> Fee determined by home study agency <hr/> \$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 per family Waived for special needs adoptions. \$500 for Liberian/ American families
US State Dept. Monitoring Fee: Mail with Service Policy and Agreement: In compliance with the mandate issued by the US State Department, as of 2/15/2018, this fee is paid to JWM who will pay it to the agency appointed by the US State Department for Monitoring and Oversight. The US State Department requires that the \$500 (<i>per child</i>) fee be remitted following the finalized contract for services with your adoption agency. The payment will not be refunded by the Monitoring agency under any circumstance. \$25 minimally covers the agency's banking and accounting time.	\$525 per child
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 for one special needs child – (\$3800 is an agency grant)

<p>International Fees: Includes dossier review by AFAA Country Director, multiple Liberian government Ministries, Liberian lawyer, High Court judge; 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 1 & 2, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis B, VDRL, TB 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; notarization; international shipping; representing adoptive parents with various Liberian Ministries including the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Liberian immigration department, US Embassy. Also 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: GOL Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection. AFAA House Country 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 Clinic medical tests US Embassy designated physician 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>\$4700 one child</p> <p>\$3000 additional for each <i>child including siblings & special needs children</i></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 living at the AFAA House.</i></p> <p>Education fees for children at the AFAA House: One year of private Christian school tuition, uniforms, school shoes, school supplies, school photos & registration - 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>
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Fee Schedule	
\$400 Application fee paid to JWM, with the applicaiton.	\$400 to JWM
\$500 Interagency fee is paid to JWM when you start your homestudy with an out-of-state agency	\$500 to JWM
\$1250 Humanitarian Fee (\$500 for Liberian/American families - Waived for special needs) is paid to AFAA when the application is accepted and the Service and Policy Agreement Contract is submitted	\$1250 per family \$ 500 for Liberian American family paid to AFAA.
\$525 US State Dept. Monitoring Fee is paid to JWM when Service Policy and Agreement is submitted. This fee is per child. If you are matched with more than one child JWM will be required to send an additional \$500 per child to the accrediting agency.	\$525 sent to JWM
First Program Payment \$2000 paid to AFAA when your home study is approved.	\$2000 to AFAA
Second Program Payment – paid to AFAA 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	\$8150 for one child to AFAA +\$5250 for each additional child
\$375 One year School Fee for each child over the age of four \$525 – US State Dept. Monitoring Fee for each child additional child	+\$375 for each school age child +\$525 for each additional child
Third Program Payment paid to AFAA when Child Report is completed by Government of Liberia, includes; \$2700 US Program Fee for 1st child. \$750 (2nd half) of the Orphanage Fee for one child.	\$3450 for one child to AFAA
\$1500 – US Program fee for 2 nd child (each child after 1 st) \$750 – ½ Orphanage Fee for 2 nd child (each child after 1 st)	\$2250 for each additional child.
Post-adoption fee \$1000 for NM OR Fee determined by home study agency due prior to travel	\$1000

Waivers, Reductions and Refunds:

Reduced Fees or possible waivers: see above for special needs and siblings.

Refunded Fees: Fees are paid as expenses are incurred by JWM, AFAA and the GOL. They are not held in escrow or in reserve.

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.

Fees for Department of State for Monitoring are non-refundable.

Additional and Estimated Third Party Fees**Fees not covered in the Program Fees above and paid directly by the adopting family**

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 & Liberian adoptions are final so there is no Citizenship Certificate fee.*

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

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

Air travel - (One trip, by at least one parent, for approximately four 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 **OR** \$25 for a half day.

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

Gifts and souvenirs – at your discretion