

# Vietnam



*Adoptions From The Heart takes great care in choosing partners for our international adoption programs and works diligently to ensure that the international process, from the application until you bring your child home to the United States, is a positive experience. There are children in foreign orphanages due to political, social or economic reasons who need loving homes. The governments of these countries recognize the importance of providing families for these children and have opened their doors to international adoption in order to provide them with the opportunity to have loving homes and a good life.*

**AFTH is currently not accepting any new applications for the Vietnam Program. AFTH will re-evaluate the program once there is a resolution regarding the agreement between Vietnam and the US. Please check back then for updates or sign up on our listserv by sending an email to [AFTHVietnamUpdates-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AFTHVietnamUpdates-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) with the word "Subscribe" in the subject line.**

**If you would like to learn more about our other programs, please call to speak with a social worker.**

## About the Children

Adoptions From The Heart is excited about the opportunities this program presents to parents seeking to share their love with a child. AFTH is licensed to work in Ho Chi Minh City and Binh Duong. Vietnam is open to both healthy and special needs children. Special needs can range from birth defects such as cleft palates and missing limbs to medical issues such as, Hep B and Hep C positive. Families can specify what special needs they feel would fit best into their family. Both healthy and special needs children range in age from 6 months to 13 years. Families must be open to a boy or a child of either gender. Currently we are not allowing families to specify only girls.

## Who is Eligible to Adopt?

- Applicants are accepted from anywhere in the U.S
- Single male and female applicants are eligible
- Married couples with or without children are eligible
- Age requirements are flexible

## What are the Highlights of this Program?

- Adoptive families will be escorted by an agency representative through the entire process while in Vietnam.
- Families can specify the age range of the child they wish to adopt.
- With Adoptions From The Heart, there are no hidden costs. All possible expenses are listed on the fee schedule.
- Assistance with fulfilling Immigration and Naturalization requirements is provided.

## Is Travel Required?

- One trip for approximately 2-4 weeks to Vietnam is required. U.S. passport and Vietnam visas are needed.
- Families will be escorted in Vietnam and to all appointments.
- Designated hotels are prepared to accommodate adoptive parents, infants and children.

## What are the Fees & Costs?

The current agency fee for this program is approximately \$4,000\*. Fees and costs are based on the fee schedule in effect at the time services are provided.

*\*Does not include cost of travel, home study, supervision or in-country costs. All fees are approximate and subject to change at any time. See the Vietnam Fee Schedule for a complete fee breakdown.*



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## VIETNAM PROGRAM FEES AND EXPENSES AT A GLANCE

(This summary is subject to all details, terms and conditions set forth on the Payment Schedule and Description of Services)

Category	Amount	Date of Payment	Recipient
<i>Agency Fees</i>			
Application	\$ 500	With application	AFTH
Program Admin Fee	\$1,500	Upon signing of contract	AFTH
Initial Agency	\$2,000	Upon signing of contract	AFTH
2nd portion	\$1,000	Upon submission of dossier	AFTH
3rd portion	\$1,000	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH
(second child*)	\$2,000	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH
<i>Social Services</i>			
If Adoptive Parents Reside in AFTH Service Area:			
Homestudy & Education	\$1,600	Prior to first group edu session	AFTH
Homestudy Update	\$600-\$800		
Ed Course II	\$300		
Post-Placement/child	\$ 300**	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH
(second child)	\$ 300**	Upon acceptance of referral	AFTH
If Adoptive Parents Reside outside of AFTH Service Area:			
Homestudy & Education	varies		Third party
Post-Placement	varies		Third party
Homestudy Review fee	\$300	Homestudy review & approval	AFTH
<i>Foreign Program Fee</i>			
In-Country Program Fees	\$10,040*	After referral, when dossier	AFTH
(second child*)	\$ 5,040*	Reaches Ministry for 1 <sup>st</sup> time	
(*includes wire transfer fee)			
(*Second child fee agency fee adjustments apply exclusively to cases commenced simultaneously with original case)			
** Fee for post-placement services are ones in effect at the time the child is placed			

**Total Fixed Fees: If Adoptive Parents Reside in AFTH Service Area - \$ 17,940**

**If Adoptive Parents Reside Outside AFTH Svc Area - \$16,440 (+ social service fees)**

### Variable Fees paid to third parties (*estimates only*):

Travel    Airfare – Approximately \$1200-\$1800 round trip for two to Vietnam \*\*

    Airfare - \$100 from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi

    Hotel Accommodations – Approximately \$2400 (approx \$120/night/20 nights)

    Food – Approximately \$50/day/person - Approximately \$1,000

    Child's airfare (one way, approx) \$200\*\*

    \*\* seasonal variations

Documents    USCIS – Fee for I600A and I600 – \$750 single and \$830/couple

    (\$670 + \$80 per adult living in home for fingerprints)

    Criminal Background and Child Abuse Clearances – varies by state – approx. \$10-100/document

    Travel fees for homestudy visit to home (no charge for first hour round trip/\$45 per half hour after first hour)

    State Certification (approx \$15/document/appx 9 docs) – approximately \$135

    Vietnam Embassy Legalization (\$50/document/appx 9 docs) – approximately \$450

    Mailings – Approximately \$150

    Translation Fees in Vietnam (\$10/page) – approx \$200-\$650

    Visas for Adoptive Parent(s) to Vietnam - \$65/person

    Visa and medical exam for child - \$435

Additional fees     For NJ Residents only – NJ Fingerprint Fee - \$68/person  
                         Processing Fee (if only one spouse travels, includes meeting with family) - \$200  
                         Refinalization costs (per state requirements)  
                                 - Court report - \$250  
                                 - Post placement report - \$300/each  
                                 - Social worker required at hearing \$300  
Legal Fees and filing fees in the United States for refinalization (varies)

***All fees are subject to change and not guaranteed***

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