

America World - South Carolina Social Service Fees

The following is a list of Social Service Fees for the state of South Carolina. Social Service fees are payable online at www.awaa.org/forms/payment.aspx, or by check-mailed to the Corporate office. **Please be sure to clearly indicate what the payment is for.**

Home Study and Post Adoption fees are required for all adoptions. Other fees listed below may be required depending upon family circumstances, USCIS requirements, state requirements or the country program. Each Report Fee includes three original copies. Additional copies will be charged the "Additional Document" fee listed below.

Home Study	Required assessment and preparation for a child to enter your family. International home studies in SC must be approved by the Department of Social Services prior to USCIS review. Families must pay a \$225 review fee directly to the Department of Social Services.		\$2,200	
Post Adoption	Required post adoption reports that indicate the progress your child is making with your family.	One child (per visit)	\$400	
		These types of updates do not change the expiration date of your home study.	\$200	
Home Study Update	An update is required if anything about your original homestudy changes. In addition, a re-evaluation and update of your homestudy may be required every 12-18 months until a child is placed. This would include if a family moved to another state or transfers from another agency.	These types of updates do not change the expiration date of your homestudy.	Level 1 - Minor change to a current & valid home study	\$250
			Level 2 - Major change to a current & valid home study	\$375
			Level 3 - Change to the homestudy that requires a meeting with the family	\$450
		These types of updates extend the expiration date of your homestudy.	Level 4 - USCIS or state required	\$750
			Level 5- Family transfers to a local AW office and has an active, approved home study completed by another AW office or another agency. In these cases a discounted home study fee is charged depending on the circumstances and state requirements.	Varies
Additional Document	In certain instances it is necessary for America World to execute documents for your adoption that are specific to the country you are adopting from.		\$35	
Additional Meeting	In certain instances it is necessary for AW to have an additional meeting with a family, either before or after placement.	Additional meeting prior to placement	\$100-\$300	
		Additional Post Adoption Meeting (no formal report)	\$125	
Re-Adoption	Some states require that America World Adoption write separate court reports, or even attend court, if the family is "readopting" their child(ren) in their state.	Combined with Post Adoption visit (for one child)	\$200	
		Not combined with Post Adoption visit (for one child)	\$400	
Pre-Adoption Training	America World provides a minimum of 30 hours of trauma-informed curriculum designed to equip families for the life-changing journey of international adoption and which also meets the Hague training requirements for prospective adoptive parents. Fee is per person; spouses are required to take the course separately.		\$399	
Expedite Fees	Families are subject to expedite fees anytime they request a report or document to be rushed or if AW must rush a report in order to meet country deadlines. If AW determines that a report, such as a post placement report or post adoption report needs to be expedited to meet a country deadline because of a delay on the family's part, then it is the responsibility of the family to comply with this request and pay the expediting fees.	Home Study	\$400-\$600	
		Home Study Update	\$250-\$500	
		Post Adoption Report & Addendum	\$200-\$300	
		Additional Document (per document)	\$15	
Social Service Only Administrative Fee	Families that use another placement agency other than America World will be charged an administrative fee to facilitate the Cooperative, Exempt or Supervised Agreement and any additional Placement Agency and country-specific documents.		\$500	
Travel Fees	Mileage/Travel Fee Based on the IRS Standard Business Mileage Rate: https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates If travel time for a meeting is two hours or more round trip, the family will be charged \$15 per hour in addition to a mileage fee. If an overnight stay is required, there will be an additional Hotel/Medal expense fee of \$100-\$250 to cover the cost of a required overnight stay and the associated meals for the Home Study Coordinator.			