



## Nightlight® Christian Adoptions International Adoption Program Description Pakistan Adoptions

### GENERAL INFORMATION

On July 14, 2014, the United States Department of State, Office of Children's Issues put into effect the requirement that all intercountry adoptions required a US Hague Accredited agency as Primary Provider. This meant that families could no longer complete an inter-country adoption without a Primary Provider Agency. Nightlight Christian Adoptions works with families who are interested in adopting relatives or completing an intercountry adoption through the UAA process. As the countries are varied and across the globe, the adoption process varies according to the country. Many of the countries provide for a 'guardianship' process with the actual adoption taking place and being finalized in the US. Each situation is evaluated on a case by case basis to determine whether Nightlight can assist the family with their adoption. Some of the countries are signatories of The Hague and others are non-Hague countries. It is expected that the adoption process may take anywhere between 1-3 years, depending on the laws of both countries. Pakistan does not have a central adoption authority and all cases are processed through local courts.

It is helpful to read about your country of interest on the U.S. Department of State website on intercountry adoptions:

- [www.adoption.state.gov](http://www.adoption.state.gov)

### CHILDREN AVAILABLE

- Children from the age of three months and up are eligible for Guardianship and subsequent adoption from Pakistan and referred to families through the local courts and child welfare organizations. Most Pakistani children eligible for intercountry adoption either do not have an identified medical special need or have mild/correctable medical diagnoses. The country refers primarily infants of either gender. Older child adoptions and sibling groups are very uncommon in this program.

### ELIGIBILITY TO ADOPT

- Applicants must be actively practicing Muslims. Interfaith couples with one Muslim spouse can be considered case by case.
- Applicants must have Pakistani heritage and possession of NICOP is preferred.
- Applicants must be at least 25 years of age.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years older than the prospective adoptive child.
- Married couples and single women may adopt.
- Applicants must meet US income standards of 125% over poverty and be in good physical and mental health.

### PROCESS

1. For a proposed kinship adoption of a relative child, collect all required child documents and provide to Nightlight coordinator (proof of orphan status; parent death certificates or relinquishment of rights; medical evaluation; school and social report).
2. For all adoptions, complete our online application
3. Complete our International Adoption Services Contract & pay the Monitoring and Oversight fee. The Monitoring and Oversight fee is paid to the accrediting entity designated by the US Department of State/Office of Children's Issues, the US Central Authority.
4. Orientation meeting with Nightlight Staff, reviewing the intercountry adoption process from Pakistan. Review and return Service Plan.
5. Begin your Home Study with Nightlight or an approved Hague Accredited agency that is identified and approved by Nightlight.
6. Once your Home Study has been completed, Nightlight will review the Home Study and assist you with preparing your I-600A (Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition): <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-600a.pdf>.

7. Pakistan Dossier: Nightlight will assist you in putting together the packet of documents required by the local courts and the US embassy.
8. Receive approval of the I-600A.
9. Submit your complete dossier for review by Nightlight. Dossier can be hand-carried to Pakistan.
10. Families are now ready to travel and present themselves in person to request a referral from a state-operated child welfare organization or a private organization that is signed on as a Foreign Supervised Provider with Nightlight only.
11. Upon receipt of a referral, Nightlight staff will review the specific child referral with you - medical, social, psychological reports with the family.
12. If the referral is accepted, you will undergo the Guardianship process with the court followed by the I-600 and US visa processes.
13. Complete a minimum of 5 post placement reports once you return home and finalize the adoption via the court in your state of residence.

## TRAVEL & ADOPTION

The Pakistan program requires a single trip of 4 to 7 months. The trip begins with the referral search whereby families present themselves in person to child welfare organizations approved by Nightlight. The length of this portion of the trip is unpredictable. Once a referral has been presented and accepted, the case moves through the court guardianship process and the child's guardianship documents are issued. After obtaining the child's passport, the family moves into the I-600 and US visa process and can return home once a visa has been granted.

## POST PLACEMENT/ADOPTION

Your child will arrive home under a Guardianship from a local Pakistani court. This means that you must finalize your adoption in your state of residence by petitioning the court. Following finalization, you can obtain the child's Certificate of US Citizenship and US passport. Within 30 days of your arrival home, you must have a home visit by your home study provider. Post-placement/adoption reports are required at 3 months, 6 months, 12 months, 18 months and 24 months from guardianship. In accordance with state law, at least the first two reports must be generated by a social worker. Once the adoption has been finalized, reports can be family generated, if permissible by state law. Reports must be sent to Nightlight and on to the proper authorities in Pakistan.

## COSTS

The program fee for an adoption from Pakistan is \$25,600. Your additional costs will include home study, USCIS approval, notary & apostille fees, airfare, hotel, in country guide, and embassy fees as shown on the fee schedule. Your out-of-pocket expenses may further be reduced if you receive scholarships, grants or employer-provided adoption benefits. Please see the fee schedule.

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## Getting Started CHECKLIST

### 1. Fill out Application Documents

- Fill out the Online Application
- Read and Sign the Agreement for International Adoption Services
- Read and Sign the Social Media Policy
- Read and Sign the Complaint Procedure
- Read and Sign the “No Healthy Child Letter”
- Read and Sign the Consent to Release Confidential Information
- Read and sign the Privacy Practices
- Upload your family photo
- Pay the application fee

*\*Please Note: Keep the Complaint form for your records; you may want to make a copy of the Policy & Procedure to also keep for your records.*

### 2. Complete your Orientation

Once we review and accept your Application materials, we will send you an acceptance letter via e-mail. Shortly after that you will receive an invoice for the orientation phase and then begin your orientation with your adoption advisor.

### 3. Obtain a Home Study

- **If you live in Nightlight’s licensed area**, we will perform your home study. Once your application is approved, your adoption advisor will notify you how to get started on your home study with one of our Nightlight offices.
- **If you are out of Nightlight’s licensed area**, we will help you find a local agency.

Please read our [FAQs](#) before submitting your application. If you have any questions please call our office: at 502- 423-5780 or send us an e-mail at [info@nightlight.org](mailto:info@nightlight.org).

ATTACHMENT A  
NIGHTLIGHT® CHRISTIAN ADOPTIONS  
INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS – FEES AND ESTIMATED COSTS  
**Pakistan**

PROGRAM FEE	COSTS	TOTALS	NOTES
<b>Application Phase</b>		\$600	<i>Due with application</i>
<b>Nightlight Program Fee #1</b>		\$2,500	<i>Due upon application acceptance</i>
<b>Nightlight Program Fee #2</b>		\$3,500	<i>Due upon completion of your Orientation call</i>
<b>Nightlight Program Fee #3</b>		\$15,800	<i>Due upon submission of the dossier to Nightlight</i>
<i>Agency Fee</i>	\$7,900		
<i>Foreign Fee</i>	\$7,900		<i>Including administrative &amp; legal fees, translations, communication and misc. program expenses</i>
<b>Nightlight Program Fee #4</b>		\$3,200	<i>Due upon notice to travel</i>
<i>Agency Fee</i>	\$3,200		<i>\$1,000 each additional sibling</i>
<b>Total Program Fee</b>		<b>\$25,600</b>	
OTHER COSTS (ESTIMATED)	COSTS	TOTALS	NOTES
<b>U.S.-Based Fees</b>		<b>\$9,165 –\$13,865</b>	
<i>Monitoring and Oversight fee charged by accrediting entity. Fee per child</i>	\$850		<i>Due upon signing the Agreement for International Services. \$850 for each additional child</i>
<i>Home Study</i>	\$1,500-\$2,500		<i>Costs vary by state/agency</i>
<i>Post Adoption Reports</i>	\$1,500-\$2,000		<i>Costs vary by state/agency</i>
<i>Shipping and/or translating of post adoption reports</i>	\$0		<i>Pakistan does not require translation of PAR reports. Due upon receipt of referral.</i>
<i>Home study supporting documents</i>	\$225		<i>Cost for criminal clearances, obtaining physicals, and other mis. expenses</i>
<i>Parent Education/Training</i>	\$100-\$300		<i>Estimated cost of online education courses</i>
<i>Home Study Review Fee</i>	\$300		<i>Review of home study prepared by an agency other than Nightlight</i>
<i>Home Study/USCIS update shipping and translation fees</i>	\$0		<i>Paid to Nightlight when applicable</i>
<i>Psychological Evaluation/2 parents</i>	\$0-\$500		<i>Pakistan does not generally require a Psychological Evaluation however, may be required by home study agency or could be requested by Pakistan</i>
<i>USCIS Filing Fees</i>	\$920		<i>Includes I-800a application and biometrics for 2 adults</i>
<i>Dossier Apostille/Authentication &amp; courier</i>	\$350		<i>Pakistan dossier only requires documents to be notarized. Costs vary by state for notarization.</i>
<i>Shipping of dossier and updated documents</i>	\$750		<i>Cost reflects shipping of the dossier. Due upon the submission of the dossier to Nightlight</i>
<i>Medical Review of Referral</i>	\$0-\$200		<i>Some physicians do not charge for this service. Other international clinics will charge a fee for this.</i>
<i>Adoption Finalization</i>	\$1,500-\$3,000		<i>Costs Vary by State</i>
<i>Certificate of Citizenship</i>	\$1,170		<i>Applies to families in guardianship countries, families living abroad, families coming home on an IR4 visa. Not applicable in some countries.</i>
<i>Dossier prep/state certification for families</i>	\$0-\$800		<i>NCA offers dossier prep where our staff will gather the dossier documents and send off to the secretary of state for you. \$800 for entire dossier or \$50 per document. These fees do not include shipping or the apostille costs</i>
<b>Other In-Country Adoption Costs</b>		<b>\$9,050– \$17,650</b>	<i>Estimates are for 2 people</i>
<i>Airfare (2 adults)</i>	\$2,500-\$4,000		
<i>Airfare for child (one way)</i>	\$1,000-\$1,500		<i>Depends on the child's age.</i>
<i>Visas (for 2 Adults)</i>	\$0		
<i>Accommodations, transportation and food</i>	\$2,700-\$9,000		<i>\$90-\$300 per day depending on the desired level of service and location. These fees estimated for 30 days. Stay in country could be up to 6 months. Some fees may not apply to families choosing to stay with relatives.</i>
<i>Food Expenses</i>	\$2,250		<i>\$25/day, Paid directly to proprietor</i>
<i>Attorney fee</i>	\$0-\$300		<i>Should the attorney need to travel to the region where the child resides, this fee covers travel expenses. Estimated expenses are about \$75 per day</i>
<i>Child's medical exam and visa</i>	\$600		<i>Per child</i>
<b>Total Other Costs (Est.)</b>		<b>\$18,215 – \$31,515</b>	
<b>TOTAL FEES &amp; ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$43,815 – \$57,115</b>	

The cost of operating an international adoption program is substantial and increasing with the additional compliance requirements under the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption. The nature of international adoption makes it impossible to predict the exact costs you will incur, but we believe the estimates above are realistic. Although we strive to maintain a predictable fee schedule, unexpected increase in our costs may necessitate an increase in fees. Therefore, fees may be increased upon 90 day notice.

Program fees are paid in phases and are non-refundable. Nightlight establishes a budget for costs each year based on the number of adoptions it estimates completing, as well as revenue from grants and donations. Based on these estimates, we establish program fees to cover the costs of attorneys, facilitators, social workers, insurance, and other costs we incur. Of course it would be prohibitive to allocate all of the costs (payroll, rent, insurance, supplies, travel, etc) to one adoption in one program.

**A late fee of 12% annual (1% monthly) will be assessed for fees more than 30 days past due.**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopting Parents:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment B  
Nightlight Christian Adoptions  
INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS – FEES AND ESTIMATED COSTS  
**Pakistan**

<b>SERVICES CATEGORIZED PER HAGUE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Home Study (including estimated out of pocket costs)	\$1,725 – 2,725
Adoption expenses in the US (includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education, communications and publications costs and other costs associated with providing adoption services in the US)	\$18,550
Foreign country program expenses (includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education, communications and publications costs and other costs associated with providing adoption services in the child's convention country)	\$7,900
Care of the child (the expected total fees and estimated expenses charged to PAP's for the care of the child in the country of origin prior to adoption, including, but not limited to costs for food, clothing, shelter, medical care, foster care, orphanage care and other services provided DIRECTLY to the child.	\$0
Translation and Document Expenses: the expected total fees and estimated expenses for obtaining any necessary documents, translation of documents related to the adoption and information on whether the PAP's will pay costs directly or to a 3rd party either in the US or Convention country or through the agency. Category includes but is not limited to, costs for obtaining, translating, copying records or documents required to complete the adoption, costs for Convention court documents, passport, adoption certificate and other documents related to the adoption, costs for notarization and certifications.	\$750
Contributions: any fixed contribution amount or percentage that the PAP expected or required to make to child protection or child welfare service programs in the Child's convention country or in the US along with an explanation of the intended use of the contribution and the manner in which the transaction will be recorded and accounted for.	\$0
Post placement (PP) and post adoption (PA) reports: the expected total fees and estimated expenses for any PP or PA reports that the agency or parents must prepare to comply with requirements of the expected country of origin (and NCA requirements)	\$1,500-\$2,000
Travel/Accommodation Expenses: Estimated 2 Adults, 1 child: includes hotel, food, fuel, and airfare estimates.	\$8,450 – \$16,750
Third Party Expenses: includes USCIS fees, courier services, in-country guide, and child medical or visa costs if paid directly by the family rather than through Nightlight.	\$4,940 – \$8,440

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