

Nightlight® Christian Adoptions

International Adoption Program Description

Taiwan



GENERAL INFORMATION

Taiwan is a beautiful tropical country that borders East China Sea, Philippine Sea, South China Sea and Taiwan Strait. The larger part of the island's inhabitants are the descendants of immigrants from the various provinces of mainland China, but in particular from the southeastern coastal provinces of Fujian and Guangdong. Because the different ethnic groups have fairly well integrated together, differences that originally existed between people from different provinces have gradually disappeared. About 360,000 indigenous people, the original inhabitants of Taiwan, still live here. The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese (or Guoyu), other major dialects like Minnanese (or Holo) and Hakka are also widely spoken. When you visit Taiwan, you will most certainly be amazed at the diversity of things this beautiful island has to offer, as a rich historical background has provided Taiwan with a multifaceted culture. The capital of Taiwan is Taipei. Taiwan is not a party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Hague Adoption Convention). However, intercountry adoption process between Taiwan and the United States reflect the requirements of the Convention very closely.

Adoptions from Taiwan are conducted through a collaborative effort of a Hague accredited adoption agency in the US, the Taiwanese Central Adoption Authority (Taiwan Child Welfare Bureau) and Chung Yi Social Welfare Foundation (a licensed adoption agency in Taiwan).

The following website is a useful place to start for reading more about Taiwan adoption and the country:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/adoptionsabroad/en/country-information/learn-about-a-country/taiwan.html> U.S. State Department page about Taiwan adoption

CHILDREN AVAILABLE

- Both boys and girls are available for adoption. Children as young as 3 years and as old as fifteen are available for adoption. (wait time for a referral of a child under 5 years old can be up to 3 years.)
- Sibling groups are available.
- Children with Special Needs are available for adoption.
- Waiting children are always available

ELIGIBILITY TO ADOPT

- Applicants must be between 25 and 50 years of age and at least 20 years older than the child they are adopting. Applicants can be up to the age of 55 if adopting an older or special needs child.
- Only married heterosexual couples may adopt from Taiwan.
- Applicants must be in good health, have a stable residence, a stable job and sufficient financial means to provide care for a child.
- Taiwan will not accept applicants with a criminal history, history of drug/alcohol abuse, or a history of pornography.
- Taiwan is reluctant to accept families with significant medical, psychological, psychiatric conditions.
- The number of children in a family must not exceed 3 and must not be more than 4 with the child they adopt. If a family has 4 or more children, they can only adopt a child over 5 years of age or a child with special needs.
- If the applicants have had divorces in their marriage history, the number of previous marriages of each applicant should be no more than one (i.e. the adoptive parents are now in their second marriage.)

PROCESS

1. Make application to Nightlight Christian Adoptions.
2. Begin your **adoption Home Study** and submit **form I-600A** to CIS.
3. Begin to assemble your **Initial dossier**. We will give you detailed instructions.
4. Once USCIS has approved your adoption petition, you will receive your **I-797C pre-approval notice**.
5. Once your Initial dossier has been received, you will be registered to adopt in Taiwan.
6. The Chung Yi Welfare Foundation will add you to a list of waiting families and it can take up to 36 months to receive a referral.
7. Complete official referral review with Nightlight's Social Services Department
8. Upon referral acceptance, Chung Yi will furnish necessary documents to Nightlight for filing I-600 petition.
9. Nightlight will help you file I-600 form for the PAIR process with USCIS.
10. Upon receipt of your approved I-600 form, Chung Yi will start court processing in Taiwan.
11. Upon the receipt of final ruling, you will be scheduled to travel to Taiwan to complete your adoption process.
12. The final step is to obtain the US visa for your child and returning home. Most families will stay in Taiwan for 5-7 days for the adoption process to be completed.
13. The children reside in orphanages/foster families while awaiting adoption.
14. Taiwan adoptions can take on average from 24 to 48 months to complete.

TRAVEL & ADOPTION

You receive a referral of a child from Nightlight Christian Adoptions through Chung Yi. The referral will include a comprehensive social history of the child, and the current health and development of the child. You will be given an opportunity to have this information reviewed by a doctor who specializes in international adoption before you make a decision. Once you decide to accept a referral, you will be considered "matched" with the child. In most cases, the parent(s) travel to ROC, Taiwan for approximately 1 week to register the adoption with the Taiwan government and obtain the child's U.S. visa from AIT (The American Institute in Taiwan) after the court proceedings have taken place. However, some judges may request that families travel to attend the court hearing as well, which will require an additional 5 to 7-day trip. There are also 3 regions in Taiwan that require an in-county fostering period prior to court, which will range between 2 to 6 weeks, depending on the region the child is in. You can request to limit your child referral excluding these regions if you do not have the flexibility to travel for an extended period.

POST ADOPTION

Within 30 days of your arrival home, you must have a home visit by your home study provider. Your home study provider will prepare post-adoption reports and submit them to Nightlight at 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months. Then you will complete self-reports at the following intervals: 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years, 10 years after you bring your child home. Reports for years 6-10 will be prepared and submitted to Nightlight by adoptive family as self-reports. These reports include your child's developmental progress and pictures. This is a very serious commitment; Nightlight is committed to showing Chung Yi and birth families that children adopted by US citizens are healthy and well cared for. Compliance with post adoption reports is also required by The Hague Convention. Therefore, Nightlight charges a fee to monitor and process these post adoption reports and also requires families to pay for the cost of the post adoption report in advance.

COSTS

The program fee for a Taiwan adoption is \$19,500. 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. For additional fee information please see Exhibit A.

Please contact Liana Stoddart at Liana@nightlight.org or 970-663-6799 with any questions.





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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.

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

Taiwan

PROGRAM FEE	COSTS	TOTALS	NOTES
Application Phase		\$500	<i>Due with application</i>
Monitoring and Oversight fee charged by accrediting entity. Per child		\$500	<i>Due upon signing the Agreement for International Services</i>
Orientation Phase		\$1,500	<i>Due upon acceptance into program</i>
Dossier Phase		\$6,200	<i>Due upon submission of home study to Taiwan</i>
<i>Nightlight Program Fee</i>	\$4,000		
<i>Foreign Fee #1</i>	\$2,200		
Referral Phase		\$8,800	<i>Due upon acceptance of referral</i>
<i>Nightlight Program Fee</i>	\$2,000		
<i>Foreign Fee #2</i>	\$6,800		<i>Less \$2,000 for special needs children and/or children over age 5</i>
Travel Phase		\$2,000	<i>Due before travel to Taiwan</i>
<i>Foreign Fee #3</i>	\$2,000		
Total Program Fee		\$19,500	<i>\$12,500 for each sibling adopted. (Less \$2,000 for special needs children and/or children over age 5.)</i>

OTHER COSTS (ESTIMATED)	COSTS	TOTALS	NOTES
U.S.-Based Fees		\$7,315–\$9,465	
<i>Home Study</i>	\$1,500-\$2,500		<i>Costs vary by state/agency</i>
<i>Post Adoption Reports</i>	\$2,100-\$2,800		<i>Costs vary by state/agency</i>
<i>Shipping and/or translating of post adoption reports</i>	\$700		<i>Costs may vary based on the number of children you are adopting, due at referral phase.</i>
<i>Home study supporting documents</i>	\$200-300		<i>Cost for criminal clearances, obtaining physicals, and other misc. 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>USCIS Fees</i>	\$865		<i>Includes I-600A application & biometrics for 2 adults</i>
<i>Dossier Documents Translation Fee</i>	\$1,400		<i>Due upon submission of home study to Taiwan</i>
<i>Document Authentication/legalization</i>	\$150-\$300		<i>Paid to service provider. Costs vary by state.</i>
Other In-Country Adoption Costs		\$4,530 – \$7,230	<i>Estimates are for 2 people and 1 trip</i>
<i>Airfare (2 adults)</i>	\$2,400-\$3,500		
<i>Airfare for child (one way)</i>	\$400-\$1,000		
<i>Lodging</i>	\$1,500-\$2,500		<i>Paid in country</i>
<i>Child's visa</i>	\$230		
Total Other Costs (Est.)		\$11,845 – \$16,695	

TOTAL FEES & ESTIMATED EXPENSES			
GRAND TOTAL		\$31,345 – \$36,195	

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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Attachment B
 Nightlight Christian Adoptions
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SERVICES CATEGORIZED PER HAGUE REQUIREMENTS	Taiwan
Home Study (including estimated out of pocket costs)	\$1,500 – 2,700
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)	\$8,500
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)	\$11,000
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.	\$2,100
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)	\$2,100-2,800
Travel/Accommodation Expenses: Estimated 2 Adults, 1 child: includes hotel, food, fuel, and airfare estimates.	\$4,300 – 7,000
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.	\$1,095

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