

China Program Requirements

Adoptive Family		
Program information	Details	Notes
Parent's Ages	30-50 years of age	China has a strict age requirement, that both parents are 30 years old. You may begin the process at 29.5 years of age. If both spouses are older than 50, that the child being adopted is no more than 50 years younger than the youngest spouse.
Marriage	Minimum of 2 years married	
Divorce	2 divorces; minimum of 5 years married to current spouse.	No more than two divorces per applicant.
Single parent Applicants	Yes	Single females
# of children already in the home	No more than 5 minors currently in the home for married couples with the youngest child in the home being at least 3 years old.	Singles should have no more than 2 minors in the home with the youngest child in the home being at least 3 years old.
Financial State	Combined income of \$10,000 per member of the household, including the adopted child, and a net worth of \$80,000	Singles applicants will have additional financial requirements to meet.
Criminal History	Criminal History will be reviewed on a case by case basis	FBI and State/Local Police Records required. All criminal history should be disclosed with your application.
Medical and Psychological Health	Medical and Psychological Health will be reviewed on a case by case basis according to the CCWA guidelines.	China may require a psychological evaluation as a tool of assessment for applicants with a history including, but not limited to, abuse, counseling, use of psychotropic medication or trauma.
Substance use/abuse	Anyone having a history of substance use/abuse should contact the Lifeline office before application. This history may or may not preclude you from adopting from China.	
Waivers	Waivers for families not meeting requirements are not available.	

Process	
Number of Trips to China	1 trip; approximately 2 weeks in country
Average Time of Completion	12-24 months
Approximate Cost	\$34,735.00 * *This not only includes agency fees for in state families but also includes estimates on outside costs such as background clearances, education, and travel. *subject to change