

Philippines Relative Adoption

Sunny Ridge Family Center

Sunny Ridge Family Center is approved by the Intercountry Adoption Board of the Philippines (ICAB) to assist families with relative adoptions. In this program, Sunny Ridge provides home study services, foster care licensure (for Illinois families), all required post placement visits/reports, and guidance with meeting the requirements of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). Sunny Ridge also assists families with pre-adoption educational requirements, provides support throughout the adoption process, and serves as a liaison between the family and ICAB.

The process of adopting a relative from the Philippines involves several steps, fees (*see reverse*), pre-adoption education, and approval from several entities. The time it takes to complete the process ranges from one to three years. All U.S. families adopting from The Philippines are required to have an approved, Hague-compliant home study conducted by a licensed adoption agency, as well as clearance from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS). The child and prospective adoptive parents must meet the requirements of the U.S. government and the Philippine government. Since there are several levels of approval, there is a possibility for denial throughout the adoption process. In this program, the adoption is finalized in the United States after the child has immigrated to the United States.

Children Eligible for Philippine Relative Adoption

Children must meet the requirements of both the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) and ICAB. These requirements include but are not limited to the following:

- The child must be unmarried
- The child must be under the age of 16 at the time the immigration visa petition (Form I-800) is filed.
- The child's birthparent(s) or other legal custodian, individuals, or entities whose consent is necessary for adoption, have given freely their written, irrevocable consent for the termination of their legal relationship with the child and to the child's emigration and adoption. The child's release must be freely given and verified by ICAB.
- If the child has two living birthparents, the birthparents must be incapable of providing proper care for the child.
- The child and prospective adoptive parents must be within the fourth degree of consanguinity (family lineage).

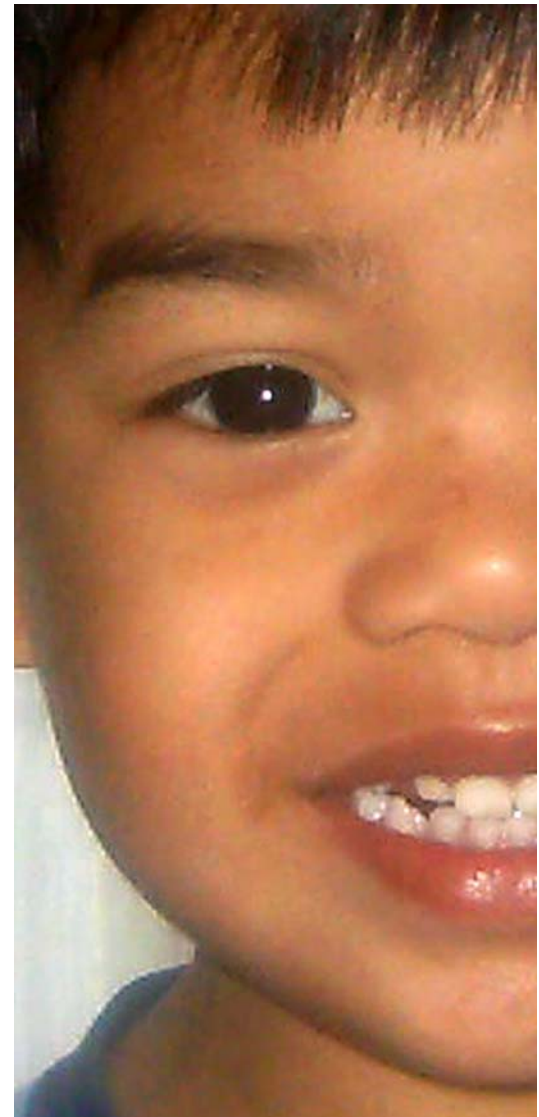
Adoptive Parent(s) Requirements

- An unmarried applicant must be a U.S. citizen, and at least one spouse of a married couple must be a U.S. citizen.
- Be at least 27 years of age and is at least 16 years older than the child to be adopted at the time of the application. In most cases, a maximum of 45 years age gap between the adopted child and adoptive parent/s should be maintained.
- Be in good health, financially stable and have no criminal history.
- Couples must be married for at least three years.
- Complete appropriate counseling from an accredited counselor in his/her country.
- Eligible to adopt and have the capacity to act and assume all parental rights and responsibilities under U.S. law.
- Married couples must file for the adoption jointly.
- Prospective adoptive parents and the child must be related within the fourth degree of consanguinity (family lineage).

Post Placement Requirements

ICAB requires quarterly post placement visits and written reports until the adoption is finalized.

Sunny Ridge Family Center is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. Sunny Ridge Family Center is a Hague accredited agency. Sunny Ridge Family Center is licensed as a child welfare agency by the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services (#019976).



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Philippine Relative Adoption Service Fee Schedule of Expected Fees and Estimated Expenses for Illinois and Indiana Residents

	Service	Fee	Notes/Descriptions
Services provided by Sunny Ridge Family Center and paid in the U.S.*	Application fee (non-refundable)	\$250	Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due with application
	Initial home study	\$2,800	Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due at first session of home study
	Subsequent home study	\$2,000	(For a subsequent adoption when Sunny Ridge completed first home study) Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due at first home study session
	Home study update, required annually and for significant changes	\$500	Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due at time services provided
	Sunny Ridge Family Center program services	\$5,000	Includes facilitating your adoption with agency and government officials in the United States and abroad, coordinating services with your local social worker, administrative/office expenses and telephone expenses rendered in the US and the Philippines. This fee also includes three post placement visits, document translations and report completion. Payment is due to Sunny Ridge Family Center in three installments: \$500 due at time of pre-home study education and case assessment interview \$2,500 due at time of dossier submission \$2,000 due after ICAB approval at travel preparation meeting
	Additional post placement visits and reports	\$350	Fees for additional visits may be necessary at a rate of \$350 per visit, if the adoption is not finalized; additional \$150 for each additional child.
	Travel outside a 50-mile radius of Sunny Ridge	\$50	Per hour charge
Third Party Fees paid in the U.S.*	Philippines Intercountry Adoption Board	\$2,750 to \$3,750	Your fee includes: \$ 200: Applicant fee, due at filing application with ICAB \$ 2,000: Processing fee, due upon acceptance of matching proposal; (\$3,000 for two or more children) \$550-\$1,550: Pre-adoptive Placement fee (Fee varies depending on where child resides); due upon acceptance of matching proposal.
	I-800A	\$670	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service fees, paid directly to CIS; Payment due at time of submission of I-800A to USCIS; valid for 15 months; re-filing may be required
	Fingerprinting, per adult	\$80	Payment due at time of fingerprinting to US CIS; required for each adult in the home, age 18 and older; Valid for 15 months, may require reprinting
	Certification of citizenship	\$420	N-600 Filing fee
	Illinois/Indiana adoption process	\$900 to \$1,200	Paid to your US attorney
Third Party Fees paid in the Philippines*	Child care support fund	\$1,000	Per placement; required only if child resides in orphanage
Travel	Airfare, hotels, food, transportation	\$4,500 to \$6,500	Estimate price per couple based on airfare, hotels, food; each family is responsible for making their own travel plans/arrangements
Adoption Training	Adoption preparation training	\$200 to \$750	Various training options available and payment made to training vendors

*All third party fees are set by other entities and subject to change without notice.

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