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We are glad you are considering adoption as a way to build your family. Many children throughout the world are still in need of a permanent, loving home. Since 1972, Dillon International has been committed to making life better for the orphans, vulnerable children and families we have the honor of serving. Our important work will not end until every child has a home.

Grounded in Christ-centered values, Dillon International is one of the most long-standing and respected international adoption agencies in the United States. We are a 501c3 nonprofit.

The agency was founded in 1972 by Jerry and Deniese Dillon to meet the needs of Korean orphans. Dillon, the first international adoption agency in Oklahoma, is a Hague-accredited, licensed, non-profit child placement agency based in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dillon is also licensed in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri and Texas.

Our Responsibility to Children

Our agency is a veteran in the international adoption field. Since our beginning, we have been an advocate for ethical adoption standards and for doing what’s best on behalf of children who need hope for a better future. Holding firm to these principles, we have earned long-standing, esteemed relationships with U.S. State Department and foreign government officials.

Every effort is made to promote children remaining with their birth family or being placed through domestic adoption within their birth country. Only when these options are not possible do we seek to place children with loving, permanent families in the United States. We have helped over 6,500 children find their “Forever Families.”
For those children awaiting adoption or who may never be adopted, we assist with providing sponsorships, medical and therapeutic care, education and daily living needs.

**Why Choose Dillon?**

Our Agency is committed to helping adoptive families have a positive and successful adoption experience. We offer a full range of services, including home study services, dossier preparation, education and post-adoption services and support. Our caring staff is competent, compassionate, and ready to help you navigate the international adoption landscape.

*Many of our experienced staff are personally touched by adoption in their own families.*

**We are committed to:**

- Helping you find the answers to your adoption questions so that you have the confidence to decide whether international adoption is the best choice for your family
- Being transparent so you can trust us throughout the adoption process
- Being available to address your questions and concerns in a sensitive and timely manner
- Keeping you as informed as possible with accurate information about your child and your adoption process
- Assisting you through the difficult “waiting times” with encouragement and compassion

**Our Lifetime Commitment**

Our Agency recognizes the ongoing, unique needs of international adoptees and their families. Our exceptional adoption education prepares families for confident parenting through each stage of their child’s development.

Through the Lifetime Support Services department, our heritage camps and teen retreats help internationally adopted children and youth learn about their birth heritage and about themselves as they build relationships and self-confidence.

*We understand that adoptees desire a deeper connection with their birth country.* Since 1989, we have provided adoptee-focused birthland tours that allow adoptive families to experience their child’s roots. For older adoptees, we provide search and intermediary services to seek information on foster and birth family members.

*Our counseling and coaching department ensures that you and your family have continuous help when issues arise.* We never want a family to feel alone. Our counselors specialize in the lifelong issues of adoption, a unique expertise that many counselors simply do not have.
Children Who Need Families

Children who were previously forgotten now have a real chance to grow up in a loving, permanent family.

By the pure nature of their life stories, these are the vulnerable children, traumatized children, institutionalized children, and forgotten children. But most importantly, they are children in need of security, a loving family and hope.

The majority of prospective adoptive parents desire to adopt a child as young and healthy as possible and preferably a girl, but the majority of children who need a family do not match this description. Generally, children adopted domestically in their birth country are among the youngest and healthiest children, leaving an ever greater need for families open to adopting toddlers to teens with manageable medical and/or developmental needs. They may also have been touched by trauma, neglect and abuse. It is our responsibility to be the voice for these children and tell their stories.

The blessing in disguise born out of the changing landscape of intercountry adoption is that children who were previously forgotten now have a real chance to grow up in a loving, permanent family. Yes, their lives have often been touched by trauma, neglect and abuse. Yes, they have experienced multiple losses, multiple caregivers and multiple placements that have eroded their trust. Yes, they have special needs. And, yes, healing is possible.

Every child is born with a unique set of gifts and talents that only they can share with our world. We are searching high and low for families who are courageous enough to embrace a child’s difficult past and patient and gentle enough to help them heal. Helping a child discover and share their special gifts and talents will not only bless the child and their family, it will truly make our world a better place.

Our children have lots of questions. Will a family ever choose me to be their child? Is there a family for me? We hope you will consider being the answer for a child who needs and deserves a family.
Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption

The Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, referred to as the Hague Convention, is a treaty signed by approximately 90 countries that sets agreed upon ethics and norms for intercountry adoption and strengthens protections for children, birthparents and prospective adoptive parents.

Any country who is a party to the Hague Convention follows the same standards, although each country will implement them in ways that work within their government structure and legal system.

The U.S. implemented the Hague on April 1, 2008.

The basic principles of the Hague Convention include:
• Every child has the right to grow up in a family.
• The child’s best interest must be first and foremost in placement planning.
• Efforts to preserve the family of origin should be made.
• When adoption is necessary, efforts to place the child in their country of origin should be the first priority.
• When a child cannot be placed in their country of origin, only then should international adoption be an option.
• All efforts must be made to prevent the abduction, exploitation, sale and trafficking of children.

Our agency upholds these principles in all of our country programs, regardless of their Hague status.

Families adopting from other Hague countries:
• MUST work with a Hague accredited agency. Accredited agencies have gone through a rigorous evaluation process, and their standards, practices, policies and procedures are found to be in line with the Hague Convention.
• MUST use a home study provider that is approved and, in some cases, supervised by their placing agency.

Hague countries that our agency works with are China, Colombia, Haiti, Hong Kong, India and Vietnam.

You can find more information about the Hague Convention at www.adoption.state.gov.
Agency Policies

- Heterosexual married couples must meet marriage-length requirements for each country (see country program guidelines starting on page 13). Prior agency and country approval will be needed for persons with more than one previous marriage.
- No more than 15 years age difference can exist between husband and wife (10 years for Korea applicants).
- Single, heterosexual applicants who are living alone may adopt from some countries.
- Applicant(s) must be high school graduates or have a GED equivalency.
- Families must reside in one of the 50 United States.
- Applicant(s) should have financial security appropriate for their age, occupation, and the community in which they live. Financial resources should be sufficient for the normal additional expenses incurred by adding a child to their family.
- Applicant(s) should be able to furnish evidence that a viable financial plan is in place for payment of adoption services and legal expenses for finalizing the adoption.
- Applicant(s) must have no history of filing for or completing bankruptcy proceedings in the past three years. Agency approval is contingent on case review.
- Unless the country has a specific policy, a family’s minimum annual income must be 125% of the U.S. poverty income guidelines for a family of their size, including the child to be adopted.
- Applicant(s) must each have a minimum of $50,000 in life insurance coverage and provision for financial security in case of the death of a parent.
- Applicant(s) must have health insurance coverage for each family member. Applicant(s) must have insurance coverage for any medical care their child might need upon arrival and will need to obtain written confirmation from their health insurance carrier stating that their adopted child will be covered upon placement with the family.
- Applicant(s) must be open to immunizing their adopted child and agree to their child receiving medical treatment and blood transfusions should he/she require it.
- Applicant(s) must be in good mental, emotional, and physical health with no serious illnesses of a chronic, debilitating, and/or life-threatening nature. If either applicant takes medication for a medical or emotional issue (e.g., depression, anxiety) or has had a personal history of a significant medical condition, cancer, substance abuse, or any type of counseling or mental health treatment, our Agency will need a detailed statement submitted with the Adoption Application from the applicant’s physician or mental health professional.
- Applicant(s) must have no arrests within the previous three years (10 years for China). Additional information must be submitted for any violations of the law. Agency approval is contingent on case review.
- Applicant(s) must take six weeks’ adoption leave from work after their child comes home to facilitate bonding and attachment. The time can be split between spouses.
Agency Policies Continued

- A child adopted through our agency must be at least one year younger than the family’s youngest child, whether biological or adopted, and there must be at least one year between placements. Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- One child at a time is placed with a family, with exceptions made for sibling groups. Our Agency will not place unrelated children into the same adoptive home at the same time.
- Unless the country has a specific policy, the family can have no more than six children under the age of 18 years old living in the home after the adoption is completed. Larger families will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Prior to completion of the home study, applicant(s) must designate a guardian plan in the event of the death of the adoptive parent(s).
- Applicant(s) must have a will in place prior to completion of the home study if the family has children or, if the family is childless, within three months of finalizing/re-finalizing the adoption in the U.S.
- Applicant(s) must notify our agency immediately regarding any changes in the family’s situation such as: 1) change of residence and/or contact information, 2) change of employment or financial status, 3) additional persons living in the home, 4) persons leaving the home, 5) pregnancy, 6) serious illness or medical treatment, 7) death of a family member, 8) counseling, 9) any violations of law or arrests, or 10) being offered a child referral from another source. The duty of disclosure is ongoing until post-placement requirements have been completed.
- A family’s application will be placed on hold or inactivated in the event of: 1) pregnancy, 2) receiving a child from another source, 3) significant illness or disease, or 4) separation or divorce. The time on hold will vary on a case-by-case basis.
- Upon request, our Agency makes available information about number of adoption applications, eligible children, placements, and disruptions/dissolutions for the prior three calendar years.
- Our Agency reserves the right to terminate a family’s adoption process at any time during the process and at the sole discretion of the agency.
- Our Agency will not discourage adoptive parents from making or expressing a complaint. The Complaint Policy can be found in full in the Adoption Services Contract.

Common Special Needs

- Older Children 3-17 years old
- Deafness or Blindness Cataracts, ear atresia are common
- Boys Most families request girls
- Medical Issues Club foot Cleft palate Heart defects Down Syndrome
- Sibling Groups Two or more children together
U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Policies

1. At least one applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. All adult household members, age 18 and older, will be fingerprinted by USCIS for an FBI criminal background check, which is separate from any background check required by an applicant’s state of residence.
3. For international adoptions, available child abuse registries (CAR) must be checked for any state or foreign country that an adult member of the household has resided in since turning 18 years of age. For domestic adoptions, the CAR will be checked for any state or foreign country resided in for the past five years.
4. The home study must be updated and submitted to USCIS if there is a significant change in the family situation or there is a change in the characteristics (e.g., age, gender, health status) of the child the family intends to adopt.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can we request our child’s gender?
Families adopting from Korea must be open to a child of either gender, as more boys are placed than girls. For China, Colombia, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Vietnam and Oklahoma Foster Care, applicants may indicate a gender preference. In recent years, fewer girls are needing adoptive homes than boys, and this is true in all of our country programs.

Are we guaranteed a child?
The vast majority of families experience successful adoptions. However, in rare cases, factors beyond our agency’s control may prevent an adoption from being completed, such as a country changing its guidelines, a country closing its adoption program, a change in family circumstances, a child being adopted domestically, or the birth parent(s) changing their mind. If a family is unable to proceed with their adoption due to a country changing its guidelines or closing its program, we will make every effort to transfer the family to one of our agency’s other adoption programs for which the family may qualify.
Can the birth parents change their minds?
Although this is rare, you should be prepared for the possibility of the birth family changing their mind at any point in the process. If this happens, we will place you back on the waiting list for another referral. If a birth parent chooses to parent his/her child, this is a choice we honor and celebrate.

Can the child be adopted domestically?
When a child is not able to remain with his/her birth family, domestic adoption in the birth country should be the first priority. Many countries have a national registry to encourage domestic adoption. Other countries require verification that a child has been declined by a certain number of prospective domestic adoptive families before they become eligible for intercountry adoption. Although rare, there have been occasions in which the referral of a child has been withdrawn due to a domestic adoptive family coming forward and wanting to adopt the child. In some cases, this has occurred with the child’s foster family.

What happens if we become pregnant?
Pregnancy will impact your adoption process. In most all cases, your adoption will immediately be placed on hold. In some situations, a referral of a child may be withdrawn. This policy is mandatory for Korea and Hong Kong. The amount of time your adoption will remain on hold depends on several factors with the ultimate outcome that the child being adopted is at least one year younger than the youngest child in the family and there is at least one year between placement of children.

Can your agency provide financial assistance?
As a non-profit organization, we strive to keep fees as low as possible while still providing high quality services. In fact, the agency fees paid by families only cover about half of our operating expenses for providing adoption services. The remaining costs must be covered by our agency through fundraising efforts. In essence, all families’ adoption fees are subsidized by our agency.

Agency grants are available to families who show a financial need that would prevent them from adopting and/or to help with the adoption fees of children with special needs who might not be adopted otherwise. For other financial aid suggestions – including information about the $13,460 (in 2016 and changed by the IRS every year) federal tax credit for families who adopt – visit Making Adoption Affordable, which is located on the Dillon Website under Before You Adopt.

How do we apply?
You can access our online application by clicking Apply Now on our website. The website address is https://www.dillonadopt.com/apply. Once our agency has approved your application, we will determine which country programs you qualify for so that you can start gathering documents for a home study.
## ADOPTION PROGRAMS

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| CHINA         | $34,660-$41,650          | Families needed for children with manageable medical and/or developmental needs (especially boys) and healthy children 8-13 years old. Refer to Adoption Guide for more details.  
* Estimated adoption cost for a two-parent family living in Dillon’s service area and adopting one child. Includes agency, home study, USCIS, international, travel and post-placement fees. |
| COLOMBIA      | $42,080-$49,630          | Families needed for children 9 and older, sibling groups with at least one child 9 or older, and those with medical or developmental needs. Families of Colombian heritage may adopt healthier children under 9.                                                                                       |
| HAITI         | $40,115-$41,615          | Families need for children 3 and older.  
Families urgently needed for boys and girls with Down syndrome, significant special needs and teens.                                                                                                              |
| HONG KONG     | $22,990-$25,590          | Families needed for boys and girls with minor, moderate or significant special needs and older healthy children  
Urgent need for families.  
Children under 3. Children range from healthy to having some degree of special needs.                                                                                                    |
| INDIA         | $26,990-$30,290          | Adoption can be finalized 6 months following placement.  
Families of Colombian heritage may adopt healthier children under 9.                                                                                                                        |
| KOREA         | $45,390-$49,290          |  
Families have to be open to children with special needs, children over 5 and sibling sets.  
This is a new program to reopen in the United States, so many details are still to be determined.                                                                                       |
| OKLAHOMA DHS  | $4,600                  |                                                                                                                                |
| VIETNAM       | $35,970-$41,270          |                                                                                                                                |
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Dillon International began placing children from the People’s Republic of China with U.S. families in 1993. As more infants are adopted domestically, the children with the greatest need for families are children with special needs and older children. Dillon International participates in the China Centre for Children’s Welfare and Adoption’s special needs program through access to the CCCWA shared agency list of children with special needs and designated referrals from orphanage partnerships.

**Children Eligible for Adoption from this Program:**
- Boys and girls from 1-13 years old with special needs
- All children will have identified medical and/or developmental needs ranging from minor and/or correctable to significant.
- Some children 8-13 years old with no medical needs are available.

**FAMILY REQUIREMENTS**

**Parents’ Ages**
- 29.5–54 years of age for heterosexual married couples (no more than 50-year age difference between younger parent and child)
- 29.5–49 years of age for single heterosexual women (no more than 45-year age difference between parent and child)

**Length of Marriage**
- Couples married at least 2 years if first marriage and 4.5 years if it is a second marriage.
- No more than two previous marriages per spouse.

**Children in Family Prior to Adoption**
- No more than 2 children under age 18 living in the home for single women
- Youngest child in home must be at least 6 months old for married couple and 5.5 years old for single women.

**Residence**
- All 50 states

**Health**
- Single women cannot have taken medication to treat mental health issues (e.g., depression, anxiety) in the past 2 years. Exception may be granted for married couples if symptoms are mild and well controlled with medication.
- Must have a body mass index (BMI) less than 40. See weight chart.

**Psychological Evaluation**
- Required if there is a history of childhood trauma, including abuse, substance abuse or counseling.

**Income**
- For married couples, minimum annual income of $10,000 per family member or dependent, including child to be adopted. For single women, minimum annual income of $20,000 for parent plus $10,000 per child or dependent, including child to be adopted.
- Have net worth totaling $80,000 for couples and $100,000 for singles. Complete worksheet on next page to determine net worth.

**Child’s Gender**
- Families may choose gender.

**Travel**
- Two adults (one parent) must travel and make one trip of 14-16 days.

**Post-Placement**
- 4 post-placement reports due at 1, 6, 12 and 24 months. Family reports due at 3, 4 and 5 years.

**Timeline**
- Application: 2-3 months
- Home study: 2-3 months
- USCIS and dossier: 2-3 months
- Referral: 3-15+ months
- Child’s arrival: 4-6 months
- Total timeframe: 13-30+ months

### CHINA WEIGHT GUIDELINES
(Applicants must not have body mass index greater than 40 for both men and women)

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Every night approximately 11,000 children in Colombia’s child protection system fall asleep uncertain if they will ever know the security of a loving, permanent family. Sadly, adoption for most of these children will never come true in their birth country. Some people look at these children and only see their age, their history or their medical and emotional needs. Dillon International looks and sees children who deserve a voice, a chance and a family.

Colombia’s Central Adoption Authority, the Institute for Family Welfare (ICBF), granted Dillon International accreditation in May 2012 to find adoptive families for Colombia’s most vulnerable children.

Children Eligible for Adoption by all families:

- Children 9 years and older
- Sibling groups of two children with at least one child 9 years or older
- Sibling groups of 3 or more children of any age
- Children of all ages with moderate to significant medical and/or developmental needs

Children Eligible for Adoption by Colombian Heritage Families:

- Healthy children younger than 9 years old (see chart at right for age guidelines)

**FAMILY REQUIREMENTS**

**Parents’ Ages**

- 25 – 54 years of age for heterosexual married couples and single heterosexual women and men
- There must be a minimum 15-year age difference between parents and the child they are adopting, but no more than a 45-year age difference between oldest parent and child.

**Ages for Colombian Heritage Families**

- Refer to chart above. (Age refers to age of parents at time dossier is registered at ICBF.)

**Length of Marriage**

- Couples married at least 2.5 years for first marriage and 3 years for a second marriage
- No more than 3 previous marriages per spouse.

**Residence**

- All 50 states

**Psychological Evaluation**

- Required

**Child’s Gender**

- Families may choose the gender of their child.
- Colombian Heritage Families requesting a healthy child younger than 9 must be open to either gender

**Travel**

- Both parents must travel and make one trip of 4-8 weeks. It is preferred that both parents stay the entire time, but one parent may return home after a 10- to 14-day bonding period.

**Post-Placement**

- 5 post-placement reports due at 1, 3, 9, 15, and 21 months after adoption.

**Timeline**

- Application: 2-3 months
- Home study: 2-3 months
- USCIS and dossier: 2-3 months
- Referral: 6-15+ months
- Child’s arrival: 3-5 months
- Total timeframe: 15-29+ months

**FOR COLOMBIA HERITAGE FAMILIES**

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Children are placed in the orphanage of Dillon’s sister agency, the Foundation for the Children of Haiti, located in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, through abandonment or relinquishment by birth parents or a relative. Children become available for adoption in Haiti primarily because of the extreme economic disadvantages of their birth families.


**Children Eligible for Adoption from this Program:**
- Boys and girls ages 2 years and older

**FAMILY REQUIREMENTS**

**Parents’ Ages**
- 30–50 years of age for heterosexual married couples. One parent may be as young as 25 as long as the other is between 30 and 50. No more than 15 years difference between spouses.
- Single heterosexual women 35-50

**Length of Marriage**
- Couples married at least 4.5 years for both first and/or second marriages.

**No arrest histories allowed.**

**Children in Family Prior to Adoption**
- No more than 5 children.

**Residence**
- All 50 states

**Psychological Evaluation**
- Required

**Faith**
- Prefer Christian families

**Child’s Gender**
- Families may choose the gender of their child.

**Travel**
- Two trips. Both parents must travel on first trip, which is 2 weeks. One parent can travel for second trip, which is 4-5 days.

**Post-Placement**
- 4 post-placement reports due at 1, 6, 12 and 24 months. Family reports due at years 3 through 8.

**Timeline**
- Application: 2-3 months
- Home study: 2-3 months
- USCIS and dossier: 2-3 months
- Referral: 3-15+ months
- Child’s arrival: 14-18 months
- Total timeframe: 17-33+ months
Dillon International was approved to place children from Hong Kong with U.S. families in 2009.

Dillon International has been chosen to partner with Mother’s Choice to help find families for children with special needs from Hong Kong. **Mother’s Choice was founded in 1987 by a small group of people concerned with the plight of Hong Kong’s unwed, teenage mothers facing a crisis pregnancy.** Since the inception of Mother’s Choice in 1987, over 26,000 girls have been helped. Since 1993, Mother’s Choice has extended its services to helping children who are in need of foster care and small group homes.

Mother’s Choice also has a residential Child Care Home, which includes Baby Care and Wee Care. Mother’s Choice has its own adoption team that works closely with its partner adoption agencies in the United States and the Social Welfare Department in Hong Kong to find loving, permanent families for children with special needs. All of the children placed for intercountry adoption have special needs.

**Children Eligible for Adoption from this Program:**
- Children with Down syndrome
- Children with developmental delays requiring lifelong care
- Older school-aged children and adolescents

**FAMILY REQUIREMENTS**

**Parents’ Ages**
- 25–50 years of age for heterosexual married couples
- 25-50 for single heterosexual women and men, who will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Age exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis, if adopting an older child.

**Length of Marriage**
- Couples married at least 3 years for first marriage. A minimum of 5 years is preferred for a second marriage

**Residence**
- All 50 states

**Income**
- Minimum annual income of $30,000
- Must meet 125% of the U.S. poverty income guidelines for a family of their size, including the child to be adopted.

**Child’s Gender**
- Families may choose the gender of their child.

**Travel**
- Two adults (one parent) must travel and make one trip of 5-7 days.

**Post-Placement**
- 3 post-placement reports due at 1, 3, and 6 months (unless state of residence requires more).

**Timeline**
- Application: 2-3 months
- Home study: 2-3 months
- USCIS and dossier: 2-3 months
- Referral: 3-6+ months
- Child’s arrival: 8-9+ months
- Total timeframe: 17-24+ months
On August 1, 2015, the Central Authority in India implemented changes to its adoption system to make it a smoother process for families and so that more children can come home to their forever families. Read the New Guidelines

Children still become available for adoption in India primarily because of the extreme economic disadvantages of their birth family or the social stigma of single parenthood.

Dillon International has been placing children from India since the 1980's. Dillon's adoption program from India had been put on hold, but we are very happy to have begun accepting families into the program again in 2013.

Children Eligible for Adoption from this Program:
• Children available for adoption reside in orphanages throughout India and have a broad range of special needs. Common needs include missing an eye or ear, hearing loss, cerebral palsy, ADHD, atrial septal defect (a repairable heart condition), cleft lip/palate and kidney problems.
• Children younger than 3 typically have more serious conditions.

For families from India: Families with NRI status will have their adoptions treated on-par with a domestic Indian adoption.
• Non-Resident Indian (NRI)- One spouse needs to be a US citizen, and the other spouse needs to obtain a valid Indian passport.

FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

Parents’ Ages (if married)
• 25–55 years of age for heterosexual married couples
• No less than 25 years between parent and child
• For child up to age 4, composite age of parents should be 90 or less.
• For children age 4 to 8, composite age of parents should be 100 or less.
• For children 8 to 18, the maximum composite age is 110.

Parent’s Age (if single)
• 30-55, case by case
• Maximum age of 45 for a child 4 and younger
• Maximum age of 50 for child 4 to 8
• Maximum age of 55 for child 8 to 18
• Single males may not adopt a female child.

Length of Marriage
• Couples married at least 2 years for first marriage and 3 years for a second marriage

Children in Family Prior to Adoption
• No more than 4 children

Residence
• All 50 states

Psychological Evaluation
• Not required

Child’s Gender
• Families may choose the gender of their child.

Travel
• 1 or 2 trips, 7-10 days each

Post-Placement
• 3 post-placement reports due at 1, 3, 6 months
• Family reports due at 12, 18, 24 and 30 months

Timeline
• Application: 2-3 months
• Home study: 2-3 months
• USCIS and dossier: 2-3 months
• Referral: 1-18+
• Child’s arrival: 9-18+ months
• Total timeframe: 16-45+ months
Dillon International has a long history with South Korea. The agency began working with Eastern Social Welfare Society (formerly The David Livingston Foundation) in 1972 to place Korean children with U.S. families. Working together, Dillon International and Eastern Social Welfare Society (ESWS) established a system of foster care for children waiting to be adopted. This system has become a model in other countries for developing their own child welfare systems.

**Children Eligible for Adoption from this Program**  
• Children with minor to moderate special needs

**FAMILY REQUIREMENTS**

**Length of Marriage**  
• Heterosexual married couples married at least 3 years for both first and/or second marriages.  
• No more than one previous marriage per spouse.

Very minor arrest history could be considered case by case.

**Parents’ Ages**  
• 25–44.5 years of age for non-Heritage family at time of application  
• 25-49.5 years of age for families with one spouse of Korean Heritage  
• 25-49.5 years of age for the following: families who have adopted from Korea previously  
• No more than 10 years age difference between spouses.

**Children in Family Prior to Adoption**  
• No more than 4 children in the home

**Residence**  
• Dillon is authorized to work with families in AR, KS, MO, OK and TX.  
• If families reside in AL, AZ, CA, CT, DE, GA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MA, ME, MI, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, OH, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, WA or WY, we can work with special permission from Korea.  
• Or U.S. residents of all 50 states who desire to adopt through the Waiting Child Program.

**Health**  
• Recent history or current use of anti-anxiety or anti-depressant medications reviewed on a case-by-case basis.  
• Applicants are required to be within the stated weight limits prior to accepting a referral.

**Income**  
• Minimum annual income of $30,000  
• Must meet 125% of the U.S. poverty income guidelines for a family of their size, including the child to be adopted.

**Child’s Gender**  
• Families must be open to a child of either gender.

**Travel**  
• Both parents must travel  
• Two trips of 7-10 days each

**Post-Placement**  
• 6 post-placement reports due at 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months

**Timeline**  
• Application: 2-3 months  
• Home study: 2-3 months  
• Referral: 2-3 months  
• Child’s arrival: 12-16 months  
• Total timeframe: 18-25 months
Dillon International received approval to place children from Vietnam with adoptive families in the United States beginning Sept. 16, 2014, and our first child arrived home with her forever family in January 2016.

Families are needed for children with medical special needs, children over the age of 5 and children who are part of a sibling group. Both married couples and single applicants, ages 25-55, may apply.

Because this is such a new program, many of the details, such as total length of the adoption process, are still unclear. Our website will be updated as we have more information.

Dillon International has a long tradition of serving the children of Vietnam, both through adoption and humanitarian aid. For the past 15 years, Dillon International has provided food, clothing and educational scholarships to children in Vietnam.

Dillon also provided adoption services until adoptions by Americans were placed on hold in 2008, following the expiration of a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and Vietnam. The U.S. Department of State and Vietnam’s Department of Adoptions have recently initiated a new agreement allowing intercountry adoptions to resume through a limited program offered to serve orphaned children who are older or have special needs.

Dillon assisted the first American family in adopting their daughter under this new program, and they brought her home in January 2016.

Children Eligible for Adoption from this Program
• Children 5 and older
• Children with medical or developmental needs
• Some sibling groups
• Some of the special needs may include cleft lip and palate; HIV infection; blindness in one or both eyes; deafness; missing fingers, hands or foot; heart disease; and conditions requiring lifelong care.

FAMILY REQUIREMENTS
Parents’ Ages
• 25 to 55 years of age
• At least 20 years older than the child being adopted
• Single applicants, age 25 to 55, may apply
Length of Marriage
• Couples married at least 2 years for first marriage
• 3 years for a second marriage
Residence
• All 50 states
Child’s Gender
• Families may choose the gender of their child.
Travel
• Both parents must travel
• One trip, 2-3 weeks in length
Post-Placement
• Reports will be due at 1, 3 and 6 months
• Family reports due at 12, 18, 24 and 30 months

Timeline
• Application: 2-3 months
• Home study: 2-3 months
• USCIS and dossier: 2-3 months
• Referral: 1-12+ months
• Child’s arrival: 6-9+ months
• Total timeframe: 13-30+ months
We are honored to be an adoption agency invited by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to place Oklahoma’s Waiting Children. Because the State of Oklahoma is subsidizing much of the adoption cost, the fees are much less than private adoptions. The new domestic adoption program will allow families to request consideration to adopt a specific child listed on Dillon’s Waiting Child Page or on the website www.AdoptUSKids.org.

**Training**
Families will be required to take the foster/adoption training course approved by OKDHS.

**Adoption Process**
A family may request additional information on a specific child before or after a home study is submitted, and before or after training is completed. In order to receive full disclosure information about the child, a home study must be completed and submitted to OKDHS for consideration.

**Residency**
Only Oklahoma families will be considered.

**Finalization**
Dillon will help families with arrangements necessary to finalize their adoption in a local court as early as 6 months following placement.

**Children Eligible for Adoption from This Program**
- 5 to 17 years old of various ethnic backgrounds, with the majority teens
- Some have special emotional, medical or physical needs.
- Many are part of a sibling group needing to be placed together.

**FAMILY REQUIREMENTS**

**Parents’ Ages**
- At least 25
- No more than 15 years age difference between spouses
- Single applicants accepted

**Length of Marriage**
- Couples married at least 2 years for first marriage and 3 years for a second marriage

**Children in Family**
- Maximum of 8 children prior to adoption, case by case

**Residence**
- Oklahoma

**Child’s Gender**
- Families may choose the gender of their child.

**Travel**
- A minimum of one visit with OKDHS staff prior to meeting child
- Up to three visits with the child, one day each

**Post-Placement**
- 8 post-placement reports due in first six months and monthly thereafter until adoption is finalized

**Timeline**
- Application: 2-3 months
- Home study: 2-3 months
- Referral: 2-6+ months
- Child’s arrival: 1-2 months
- Total timeframe: 7-14+ months
What if we're not sure which country program is best for us?
In the past, families have always chosen a country program before they began the adoption process. However, many families weren’t sure which country program was best for them. Plus, they didn’t want to feel committed to one program if a child from another country suddenly stole their heart.

Dillon’s Open Options program was developed so you can have your paperwork ready so that you’ll qualify for a variety of adoption programs.

The goal of Open Options is to help more children find families who are farther along in the adoption process.

How does Open Options work?
On your application, you will be able to choose either a specific country program or Open Options. With Open Options, our social work staff will review your application to determine which programs you qualify for, since guidelines differ for various countries. You’ll be able to begin your home study without committing to a particular country program.

Whether you’ve already selected a country program or you’d like to proceed with Open Options, your first step is to apply online at https://www.dillonadopt.com/apply.
How can we see the Waiting Children?
You can meet our Waiting Children online by filling out a screening form at www.dillonadopt.com. Just click on Waiting Children under Adoption Programs. You will be given a password for the Waiting Child page.

Who is a “waiting child”?  
A waiting child is a child who is legally available for adoption and paperwork ready, but has not been matched with a family. A child may become a waiting child due to various factors including medical special needs, developmental delays, emotional issues, or simply being an older child or part of a sibling group.

What does “special needs” mean?  
The term “special needs” can be frightening at times for people. Our waiting children have a wide range of concerns. Often these concerns have caused or continue to cause the children to be harder to place than other children. For this reason, they are placed in our Waiting Child Program. Some special needs may be correctable with a surgery while others may require more long-term care. There exists no single definition or way to quantify “special needs.” Each child waiting for a home is unique and special in their own way and must be considered in that way.

Who would make a good family for a Waiting Child?  
Different people have different feelings about their ability to care for a child with various conditions. What is considered a major challenge to one person is accepted as a minor special need by another. In considering the adoption of a child who is waiting, your family must make several considerations.  
• Your own family dynamics and support network, including the ages and needs of other children in your family  
• Financial and health insurance resources  
• Accessibility to special medical centers, doctors or therapists  
• Flexibility and patience to care for a child who may have life-long issues  
Our goal is to match children and families in the best possible way for both the child and the family.

Who can adopt a Waiting Child?  
The general requirements for a specific country’s adoption program usually apply for waiting children. At times, exceptions to some requirements may be made for a waiting child. If more than one family is interested in the adoption of a specific child, our Social Work Committee will determine which family has the ability to best meet the child’s needs. If all things appear to be equal, preference may be given to a family based upon various factors such as the family’s “paperwork readiness,” access to quality health care to meet the child’s specific special needs, and/or individual family experience, etc.

We embrace children of all ages and special care conditions and count it an honor to help find families for them.
APPLICATION
This free application allows our agency to get acquainted with your family and determine if your family meets the basic requirements for our agency, the U.S. government and the various country programs. Your family may need to provide additional information, such as letters from healthcare providers and documentation of previous unlawful incidents, to assist in our agency’s review process.

HOME STUDY APPLICATION
This is a collection of documents and information about your family that is required based on state, U.S. and foreign government regulations. The application helps us get to know you better, assists the social worker’s preparation of the home study, and helps your family “rehearse” for dossier preparation. Criminal background and child abuse checks are initiated at this time. The home study application cannot be processed until all requested documents are received and your family has completed a minimum of 12 hours of pre-adoption education.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION SEMINAR AND PRE-ADOPTION EDUCATION
This provides your family an in-depth learning opportunity to explore issues relevant for intercountry adoption and adoptive families and helps your family build realistic expectations for both the adoption experience and the child joining your family. Topics include: attachment, grief and loss, medical issues, impact of institutionalization and environment on child development, talking to your child about adoption, racial and cultural identity, initial adjustments and more. Your family must complete the seminar plus six additional hours of pre-adoption education prior to approval of the home study application. Completion of the seminar helps fulfill the USCIS and Hague Treaty requirement for pre-adoption counseling and education. This is an online class available at www.dillonadopt.com.

HOME STUDY
This is an evaluation of your family, which is requested after the home study application has been approved. A social worker usually has two to four visits with your family, including a home visit to get to know you, your parenting styles, your resources, and your reasons for adopting. The intent of the home study is to assess your family’s readiness and suitability to adopt a child. The home study also helps educate and prepare your family for the adoption experience and the child joining your family. Do not start the home study until your home study application is approved and your home study provider has an agreement with Dillon, if you are using a different agency for the home study. The social worker will submit a current home study in compliance with the requirements set up by your state of residence, U.S. government and the foreign country. Our Agency will provide the social worker with guidelines for preparing your home study and will review your home study to ensure it complies with requirements.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES
USCIS determines each family’s eligibility and suitability to adopt a child from a foreign country. The process begins with your family filing the I-600A application (non-Hague adoption) or the I-800A application (Hague adoption) with USCIS. Your approved home study must be submitted with the application. We will provide your family with instructions for filing either form after the home study application is approved. USCIS will inform your
family of the location and date to have fingerprints taken for an FBI criminal background check. If approved, USCIS will send your family an approval notice. The I-600A is valid for 18 months; the I-800A is valid for 15 months. Your family must renew either form as many times as necessary to ensure the USCIS approval is valid at the time the child’s U.S. visa is issued.

DOSSIER
Once your family’s home study is completed, your family will prepare a dossier for submission to the foreign country you have chosen (with the exception of Korea). The dossier is a set of legal documents, which includes your family’s home study and USCIS approval. The dossier provides information, which helps foreign government officials in determining if your family meets the country’s requirements for adopting a child. We review your family’s dossier documents to ensure they meet country requirements. Depending on the country, our staff may also process the documents and obtain authentication or apostille certificates.

CHILD REFERRAL
Our Agency receives information on a child from the foreign country. The child’s information is then presented to your family by your home study social worker or an agency representative. Referral information will include one or more photos of the child, a social and medical history on the child and any medical treatment records and birth family information available. Your family is given at least two weeks to carefully consider the child’s information and to have your physician and other medical specialists review the information before deciding whether to accept the referral of the child.

CHILD ASSIGNMENT
This happens after your family accepts a referral of a specific child. Assignment paperwork is sent to the foreign country and the authorities there take the steps necessary for the adoption process to proceed forward.

PARENTING EDUCATION
Parenting an adopted child can have unique joys and challenges. We require all adoptive parents to complete a series of education requirements outlined in the Parent Education Form, which your family will receive with the home study application. Recommended online adoption courses and parenting books will be provided to your family. After you accept the referral of a child, your case worker will help you identify additional resources that will help you prepare for the specific child you are seeking to adopt. Families must complete a total of 24 hours of education and training prior to traveling to receive the child.

TRAVEL AND CHILD ARRIVAL
We will notify you when your child is ready to come home and will provide preparation and guidance about travel and your child’s transition to your care.

POST-PLACEMENT SUPERVISION
This is provided by your family’s home study provider. The first visit must be done within four weeks of your child’s arrival home. Your social worker will assess your family and child’s adjustments to each other and provide support to help with the transition. An additional two to ten visits will be made with your family over a six-month to two-year period, depending on the country and your state of residence. After a minimum of six months, your social worker can recommend the finalization (or re-finalization) of your
child’s adoption in the U.S. In addition, some countries require families to provide periodic update reports for several years after the adoption, sometimes until the child is 18 years old.

ADOPTION FINALIZATION
Depending on the country, the adoption may be finalized in the child’s birth country or in the U.S. Either way, it is important to have the adoption finalized, re-finalized, or recognized in a U.S. court. In fact, our agency requires this step of all families. We recommend that your family retains an attorney with intercountry adoption experience to assist you with this process and with obtaining a U.S. birth certificate for your child.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP
This is the final step in the adoption process. If your child enters the U.S. on an IR4 or IH4 visa, you will submit Form N600 to USCIS to receive a Certificate of U.S. Citizenship for your child after the adoption is finalized in the U.S. If your child enters the U.S. on a IR3 or IH3 visa, your family will automatically receive your child’s Certificate of U.S. Citizenship, usually within 45 days of arriving home. If the certificate is not issued in your child’s new English name, you will need to submit Form N565 to change the name on the certificate. We require all families to obtain a Certificate of U.S. Citizenship for their child because the certificate is a non-expiring, irrefutable record of your child’s U.S. citizenship.

LIFETIME SUPPORT SERVICES
After you have completed the post-placement visits and reports, we will introduce you to our Lifetime Support Services department. Heritage camps, birthland tours, support groups, counseling and coaching are offered to all adoptive families and adoptees regardless of their placing agency. We recognize that adoption is a lifelong journey, and we never want an adoptee or family to feel alone in the journey.
Dillon provides home study and post-placement services within the following states:

- Oklahoma
- California
- Arkansas
- Texas
- Missouri
- Kansas

If you are adopting a child through Dillon International but live in another state:
You may visit the Department of State’s website at [http://travel.state.gov/content/adoptionsabroad/en/hague-convention/agency-accreditation/adoption-service-provider-search.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/adoptionsabroad/en/hague-convention/agency-accreditation/adoption-service-provider-search.html) to find an agency in your state.

Please be aware that the Department of State website only lists the state where the agency’s main office is located, and some agencies may also have offices in other states. For example, Dillon International is only listed for the State of Oklahoma, but we are also licensed in and able to provide home study and post-placement services in California, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri and Kansas. Please note that our relationship with each home study agency is to ensure that the agency follows the standards of the Hague Treaty and foreign country. We do not have control over the individual social workers or their work performance.

We provide a clickable map that lists some agencies in each state we have worked with for home study services. The map is located here: [https://www.dillonadopt.com/home-study-map](https://www.dillonadopt.com/home-study-map). This is not an exhaustive list of every agency, but these are agencies that we frequently work with.

Please inform Dillon of the provider you wish to use by indicating your choices on your application and we will begin the process of entering into an agreement with them once your initial application is approved.

Please DO NOT start a home study until your home study provider has entered into an agreement with Dillon and your home study application has been approved. This will ensure that your home study will not become outdated during the process and will fit the guidelines of the country you choose.

If you have any questions about finding an agency to conduct your home study, please contact your program director.

If you are adopting a child from another agency but would like Dillon International to provide your home study:

If you already have selected a placement agency for your adoption but need a local adoption agency to provide your home study and post-placement services in order to complete your adoption process, Dillon offers a home-study-only service.

Dillon’s adoption supervisor oversees all home-study-only clients and can help you with your initial questions about the process and what to expect when utilizing our home study services. We also encourage you to review Dillon International’s application guidelines along with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) criteria for adoptive families, which have been included in this Adoption Guide, to assist you in your decision-making and preparation in selecting a home-study-only provider.

To schedule a home study with one of our licensed social workers, email Maren Brose at maren@dillonadopt.com or call 918.749.4600.

Your family is responsible for paying all fees for home study and post placement services directly to the home study agency.