

## Adopting in Hungary



**CHILDREN AVAILABLE:** Typically children available are 2 years of age and up to age 14. Many sibling groups are available. There are children under 5 years of age that have specific medical issues such as orthopedic, hearing, eyesight etc. and some correctable medical surgical issues. Most of the children in sibling groups are toddler age and up. Poverty, financial issues, death and unstable family environments are why children have been abandoned. There are so many deserving and beautiful children in this country that desperately need homes and families to call their own.

The ethnic background of most of the children available is Caucasian Hungarian and Roma ancestry and children typically appear with dark hair, eyes and fair to olive complexion.

**ADOPTIVE PARENT CRITERIA:** Family Connections, Inc. accepts married couples for adoption in Hungary. Single women may be accepted on a case-by-case basis, but Hungary strongly prefers two parent families. Hungary allows no more than 45 years age difference between prospective adoptive parents and the age of child they would consider. The maximum 45 years age difference between adoptive parent and prospective adoptive child is determined by the age of the younger adoptive parent. There is no limitation of children already living at home with the adoptive family. The family must meet United States Immigration requirements as well as provide a complete dossier of paperwork to Hungarian officials.

**TRAVEL:** Families can expect to travel within 2 weeks of receiving the I800 provisional approval. This makes this program an asset to families wanting a little shorter adoption process when adopting older children. Both Parents must travel for a trip of approximately 45 days.

Parents travel to the child's place of residence to meet the child and must spend a total of 30 days with the child before the adoption can be completed. Adoptive parents spend a significant amount of time (7 hours) each day with the child. After about a week the family decides whether to move forward with the adoption process.



Accommodations will be arranged prior to the family's arrival. Families may stay in a private apartment, country villa, or hotel depending on the area from which the child is referred. During the process, the family will move with the child to Budapest to complete the process of immigration approval.

**REFERRALS:** At the time of immigration approval, a prospective family is qualified for a referral. Families are required to adopt in birth order, the adopted child must be youngest. Complete medical information, social and legal profile of the child, and photo and video (when available) are provided for to the qualified prospective adoptive family. A private English-speaking Physician will do the evaluation on the child prior to referral. Referrals usually come 1-12 months after the dossier is submitted then after the registration of the dossier at the Central Adoption Authority, depending on the child criteria requested. Referral for an older child usually is quicker but this will depend on availability at the time after dossier registration. The dossier paperwork can be registered any time after homestudy and immigration approval is complete and submitted.

**FOSTER CARE AND ORPHANAGE CARE:** The available children live in foster home care, supervised and approved by the Hungarian government under strict standards and small child care orphanage type facilities. Inspectors check frequently and the care and treatment children get under this regulated situation is a home family environment. The orphanages are kept under strict governmental regulations, so the care and treatment of the children is carefully monitored too.

**INTERPRETERS/DRIVERS:** You will be provided escort to your appointments and interpretation services as a part of your fees. You will have access to paid car-hire transportation services during your stay. You can feel confident that you will be taken care of overseas with friendly service workers.

**FEES:** Fees schedules are set to where Parents pay in increments, so all fees are not due at once. Family will not have to carry any agency or foreign fees with them to Hungary. Family only carries expense related fees. Intake Review, Program Registration, Accreditation Monitoring & Oversight, and Orientation and Education Fees are non-refundable. Please see refund policy for other fees. You will pay the driver for services rendered in Hungary. Please see the Fee Agreement for a complete description of the fees.

THERE ARE NO EXTRA FEES FOR CARE OF CHILD PRIOR TO ADOPTION 96.40(B)(4)

COSTS FOR ADDITIONAL MEDICAL TESTING, PROCEDURES OR REPORTS REQUESTED BY THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT (PAP) ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE FEES LISTED ABOVE AND ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PAP 96.40(B)(4)