



HAGUE ACCREDITED



Bulgaria is a small fascinating country of ancient culture, scenic beauty and friendly people located in Southeastern Europe. In the past, Bulgaria was slow in placing children for international adoption, but recently, since they became a Hague country, they now offer a more consistent and predictable option for adoptive parents. HAPS works in partner relationship with an agency in the capital of Sophia.



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BULGARIA

★ CHILDREN AVAILABLE

Children that are available for adoption include healthy and special needs boys and girls, generally between the ages of 2 to 15 years. These children reside in orphanages or foster homes. While children of Bulgarian descent are available, there are a number of children of ethnic Roma (Gypsy) heritage. Siblings (possibly twins) must be adopted together and are therefore considered special needs.

★ ELIGIBILITY OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Married applicants or single females at least 15 years older than their adoptive children, but not more than 45 years older. Families 50 years old and up should be willing to accept a child age 6 or older. Bulgaria often shows flexibility in age of parents and family size (4 or more children at home) for children with special needs, sibling groups and those children at risk of "aging out."

★ TIMEFRAME & TRAVEL

Once the dossier is received in Bulgaria, to adopt a younger child or healthy child, it will take approximately 1-1/2 years for a referral. For a child with special needs or an older child of more than 8 or 9 years old, the process may only take several months. There are 2 trips to Bulgaria; the 2nd trip is about 3-6 months after the 1st trip. Be aware that a 'timeframe' guarantee does not exist.

★ PROGRAM FEES

NJ residents — homestudy, 5 post-adoption visits, agency fees, NJ child abuse check, state/federal fingerprints, application fee, translation fee, certification and authentication fees, USCIS and child visa fee.

Out-of-state residents or if Homestudy has been completed by another NJ agency — homestudy review fee, agency fees, application fee, translation fee, certification and authentication fees, USCIS and child visa fee (*additional expenses include homestudy fee and post-adoption visits*).

★ Other additional expenses include, but are not limited to, travel, accommodations, and medical exam for child. Speak to our Program Director for current agency fees and other expenses.