



Orphan Hosting Guide



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What is Orphan Hosting?

Great Wall China Adoption and Children of All Nations is now offering Orphan Hosting Program for Latvia. Orphan hosting provides children an amazing opportunity to be loved by a family, see life outside of their orphanage or group home, and provide a better opportunity at life after hosting.

One Mission

Home Orphan Hosting: Our hosting programs are 4-5 weeks during the summer (typically anywhere between late June and early August) and our special holiday program is 4-5 weeks during the winter (typically mid-December to mid-January). Many orphans have never spent time with a family of their own during Christmas. This is a chance for you to share the love of your family with a child who needs it. It is truly a moving experience for both family and child to host in our program.

Why Host an Orphan?

Orphan Hosting serves the children who are often overlooked. It's also a way to show an orphan life outside of their orphanage or group home. It's a huge boost of confidence for the child knowing a family chose them to host. It also brings your family together in an amazing experience of opening your heart and home to a child.

Benefits of Hosting Through GWCA/CAN

Great Wall China Adoption and Children of All Nations has been in operation since 1996. The following are exclusive benefits of hosting a child through GWCA/CAN:

- ✓ Fully Hague licensed agency
- ✓ All hosting costs paid to GWCA/CAN are considered tax-deductible donation, including the application fee
- ✓ Hague online courses for hosting are INCLUDED in our hosting program price
- ✓ Children are interviewed by staff in person before being selected for hosting



Latvia Program

GWCA/CAN partners with Orphan Courts across the country of Latvia, and individual courts determine the children available for hosting:

- ✓ Boys and girls from 9-16 years old
- ✓ Sibling groups
- ✓ Older, healthy children

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Eligibility Requirements

In general, the requirements below are what Latvia accepts for hosting, but please contact us for a free case by case consultation. In some cases, income, religion, and other factors will determine your eligibility.

- ✓ **Citizenship:** One parent must be a U.S. citizen
- ✓ **Age:** Generally between 29-60 years old, depending on the country and the special needs of the child, if any.
- ✓ **Marriage Status:** Single women, single men and married couples are eligible for our Latvia program.
- ✓ **Criminal History:** Applicants with a criminal history of child abuse, violence, or domestic violence are not eligible to host.
- ✓ **Health:** Host parents must be in good health with no major medical or psychological concerns.

Eligibility requirements are subject to change per each country's laws. CAN updates these guidelines as necessary.

Hosting Process

1. Application and Approval

To host a child(ren), please complete our agency application. For your convenience, we have made it available to you online at <http://childrenofallnations.com/orphan-hosting/orphan-hosting-application/>. We will review your eligibility to host and begin matching you with a host child once we have received your application. If approved, we will provide you with our agency contract that outlines our fees and important information regarding the hosting process.

2. Contract and Matching

Upon receipt of your signed contract, your Program Coordinator will lock in your host child match, and send you all the forms you will need to fill out before your child can come to the U.S. You will also receive a host parent guide and other resources. You'll also be matched with a host mentor and advocacy coach at this time, who will be there to support you along with your Program Coordinator.

3. Documents and Training

You will need to work on your documents as quickly as possible. Your Program Coordinator will guide you through the process. If your documents are not received on time, the foreign government reserves the right to cancel your hosting program. All host families complete important online training via webinar and conference calls prior to children's arrival or family departure.

4. Arrival and Participation

The most excited day is when you meet your host child for the first time! This is when the magic happens: your family's life and the child's life are forever changed by this experience. You will do fun things together, bond, and learn to love one another.

Donation Amount

Below is a breakdown of fees and estimate expenses for our programs. To make the process more affordable, we encourage you to fundraise for your hosting experience. Keep in mind ALL costs paid for hosting programs are considered tax-deductible donations.

Note: There is a \$100 discount for each additional child when hosting more than one child. Hosting Donations are considered tax deductible donations.

Application and Contract

GWCA/CAN Application	\$250
Latvia Hosting Donation	\$3150

NOT Included

Clothes for Children
Living Expenses
Hosting T-shirts
Travel for Arrival and Departure to a specific airport to pick up/return host child