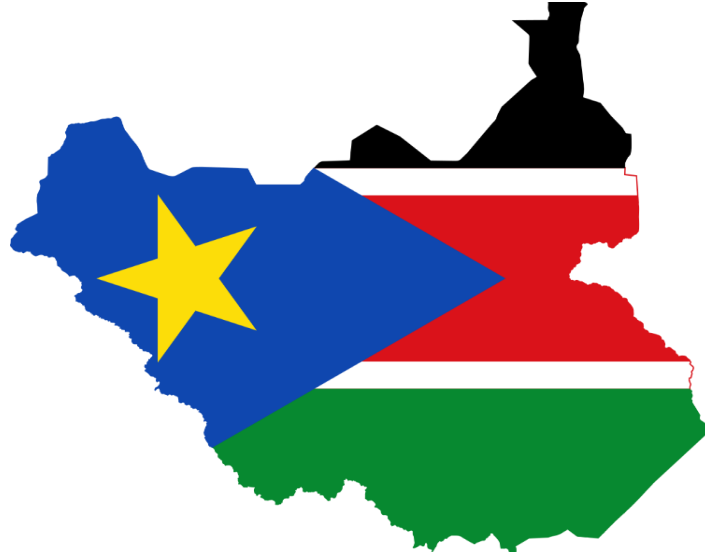


South Sudan Eligibility Requirements



In addition to being found suitable and eligible to adopt by USCIS, prospective adoptive parents seeking to adopt a child from South Sudan must meet the following requirements:

- **Minimum Residency:** A foreigner seeking the adoption of a child in South Sudan must show that he or she established three years of residency in South Sudan and fostered the child for at least one year before making an application for adoption. The Child Act of 2008 does not address residency requirements for prospective adoptive parents holding South Sudanese citizenship but not living in South Sudan.
- **Age of Adopting Parents:** Prospective adoptive parents must be at least 25 years old and at least 21 years older than the child adopted. If married, at least one prospective adoptive parent must be at least 25 years old
- **Marriage:** Prospective adoptive parents may be single or married. Adoption of a child of the opposite sex by a single prospective adoptive parent is prohibited, unless approved by the court under special circumstances.
- **Minimum Income:** The prospective adoptive parent(s) must satisfy the court that they have sufficient livelihood to care for the child.
- **Other requirements:** Adoption is prohibited if one or both, if married, of the prospective adoptive parents are not of sound mind and/or have been charged and convicted of a criminal offense. South Sudanese law prohibits adoption by homosexual individuals.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/Intercountry-Adoption-Country-Information/SouthSudan.html>