



Program Fees for Adoption of a U.S. Waiting Child

The following are the fees and payment expectations for an adoption home study and post-placement and other services for the adoption of a U.S. waiting child.

Application Fee (non-refundable) \$ 350.00

Home Preparation Study \$3400.00

** \$500 is due at the first interview, \$1450 is due at the second interview, and the remainder of \$1450 is due at the final interview.

After a home study has been completed, any significant change in the prospective adoptive family's situation or in the specific home study recommendations will require a brief home study update. The home study also needs to be updated annually to meet interstate placement standards and updated to support the recommendation for a specific child. The fee for an in-process update to the home study is **\$500**. Once a child is placed in the home, the home study/updates are no longer current and cannot be submitted for a subsequent adoption.

Case Management Fee

An initial case management fee of **\$500** will be charged for agency time to consult with custodial agencies, when waiting child referrals are under consideration and to submit preliminary documents. An additional case management fee of **\$1,000** will be charged to for submission of additional required documents and review and negotiation of the contract for placement once a specific waiting child has been approved and accepted.

Post-placement Fees

Fees for post-placement visits and reports are generally paid by the child's custodial agency per a specific contract negotiated with Lutheran Child and Family Services. In placements where this is not the case, adoptive parents are responsible for post-placement fees. A **\$400** fee per visit/report will be charged for one child; the visit/report fee for twins or siblings will be charged at **\$600** per visit. The number of visits is determined by state, agency, and/or court requirements. Post-placement fees include any required final report to the court.

**There will be a surcharge of \$150 to cover additional mileage and travel time for home studies, home study updates and post-placement visits if the client's home is in excess of 150 miles round trip from the agency's adoption offices (Oak Brook, Springfield or Belleville).*

**Fees are subject to change. Clients will be charged fees that are current at the time of service delivery.*

**All fees must be paid prior to finalization of the adoption.*

I/We have read and understood the above fee agreement with Lutheran Child and Family Services. Acceptance of this agreement is evidenced by signature.

Client

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February 2022

Date