



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) \$ 400.00

Home Preparation Study \$4,000.00

** \$500 is due at the first interview, \$2,500 is due at the second interview, and the remainder of \$1,000 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 **\$600**. Once a child is placed in the home, the home study/updates are no longer current and cannot be submitted for a subsequent adoption.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 **\$1,000** 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 **\$750** 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

Post-placement fees to be determined as part of the placement contract.

**If the client's home is in excess of 100 miles round trip from the agency's adoption offices (Oak Brook, Springfield or Belleville), additional mileage will be charged at the current IRS reimbursement rate. If the travel is in excess of 200 miles round trip from the agency's adoption offices (Oak Brook, Springfield or Belleville), there will be an additional \$200 travel surcharge to cover staff time.*

**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

Client

Date