

Inheritance Adoptions Fee Schedule

Formal Application and Questionnaire: **\$175.00** (non-refundable)

Inheritance Adoptions must receive the money for the formal application before we send out the packet and once the application and questionnaire are completed, the staff will review it for approval. It must be sent with the completed application packet if it is printed from the website.

Home Study: **\$2,100.00** + Travel Expenses (non-refundable)

This is due prior to the interview and home visit. (A discount may be given for couples with an existing home study at the discretion of the Director).

Adoptive Couple Training: **\$200.00** (non-refundable)

This training is mandatory before placement. It is offered on a quarterly basis.

Placement Fee: **\$16,500.00**(non-refundable)

This placement fee covers agency expenses such as the following:

- a. Website and internet fees
- b. Adoption Services
- c. Advertising
- d. Birth Parent & Counseling Services
- e. Books & Publications
- f. Copies
- g. Dues & Subscriptions
- h. Insurance
- i. Meetings, Seminars & Continuing Education
- j. Office Supplies
- k. Staff salaries
- l. Postage & Freight
- m. Utilities for Office
- n. Repairs & Maintenance of office
- o. Telephone costs

Minimum payments toward pre-placement fee shall be made as follows:

Current full placement fee: \$16,500.00

Adoptive couples shall be required to remit one third of the full placement fees prior to their profile being distributed to any prospective birthmother, or any adult with the rights to make such decisions for a child. Adoptive couples shall then be required to remit an additional one third of the full placement fees prior to the first match meeting with any prospective birthmother or any adult with the rights to make such decisions for a child. The final one third of the full placement fees is to be remitted at the time of placement of a child with the adoptive couple. If placement of a child is made prior to the pre-placement fee being paid in full, then the pre-placement fee shall be paid in full at the time of the adoptive placement. If the couple or agency chooses to end the relationship with one another prior to placement of a child, the amount paid to that point is non-refundable. If the placement of a child is disrupted for any reason, the placement fee will be transferred to the next placement. It is the responsibility of the couple to contact the agency if there will be an interruption in this payment.

PASS THRU EXPENSES: The following costs are EXAMPLES of the Birth Parent program or associated with placement and will be in addition to the pre-placement fee. Any expense on behalf of the birthparent must be done through the agency and will be passed through to the adoptive couple.

- Medical expenses related to the pregnancy of the birth mother and delivery of the baby if she is not covered by Medicaid. Reimbursement for medical expenses will be due upon adoptive placement. Some medical expenses are not billed until after placement. Those expenses shall be due within 15 days of notification of any medical expenses that have not been paid. Medical expenses vary depending on insurance, no insurance, type of delivery, and complications.

- Cost of Living expenses. Examples include meals, groceries, utilities, rent, and clothing.
- Travel, meals and lodging for services delivered to birth parents may be incurred upon the agencies discretion.
- Professional counseling for birth parent(s) prior to finalizing the adoption.
- Any costs deemed necessary for the adoptive placement. Examples include DNA testing or notifying the birth father.

***An adoptive couple cannot, under any circumstances, purchase items for the birthparent before or after placement of a child.**

Post Placement Supervision: The following costs for post placement will be in addition to the pre-placement fee:

- a. Post placement supervision fee: **\$1750.00 + Travel Expenses** for out of Wichita Falls and **\$1250.00** for Wichita Falls

Legal Expenses:

- **\$350.00** fee paid directly to the attorney for Termination Hearing and for the Adoption Final Hearing. **\$150.00** fee paid to Attorney Ad Litem for the child for both hearings. **Court costs** associated for both hearings are paid to the attorney.
- Every adoptive family has the right to independent legal counsel. It is your option to have your own attorney for finalizing the adoption. Also, if the attorney for Inheritance Adoptions determines that there is a conflict of interest, he/she may require you to have your own attorney to finalize.
- **Legal risks adoptions sometimes involve higher legal fees.** It is the responsibility of the adoptive family to pay for all legal fees related to their adoptive placement.
- These fees will be billed by the acting attorney and must be paid in full, directly to the attorney's office.

Out-of-state families or adoptions (out of Texas):

- Costs involved with out-of-state families or placements are usually higher because it involves more attorneys, interstate compact, and more travel expenses. Inheritance Adoptions is still responsible for approval and adoptive placement.
- Out-of-state families must be interviewed by staff of Inheritance Adoptions prior to adoptive placement.
- A post placement supervision fee of \$500.00 will be charged.

****This is a nonprofit organization.***

****The agency does not have the funds available to cover the costs related to an adoption without immediate reimbursement from the adoptive family.***

Fee Schedule Agreement

We have read the Fee Schedule for Inheritance Adoptions and understand the financial commitment we are making with this agency. We are sensitive to the fact that Inheritance Adoptions is a non-profit agency and does not have the funds to cover costs related to the adoption of a child without immediate reimbursement from us, the adoptive couple. We further understand falling two months behind on Placement Fee payments, without approval from the Executive Director, will cause a suspension of our profile and services with the agency. To avoid this, we will communicate any questions or concerns to the agency.

Wife's Printed Name

Wife's Signature

Date

Husband's Printed Name

Husband's Signature

Date

Subscribed and Sworn to me this the _____ day of _____, _____
Day Month Year

Notary Signature

My commission expires: _____
Date