



Fee Schedule for Adoption Services rev 3/19/19

Please note: The fees associated with each step/service are due at the time of service and must be paid prior to advancing to the next subsequent step as outlined below:

Step:		Fee:	Notes:
1	Initial Inquiry	No charge	
2	Adoption Application Fee	\$1,000.00	
3	Home Study Assessment	\$2,500.00	Paperwork, Coordination, etc.
	<i>Expedited</i>	Additional \$400.00	Home Study completed within 45 days of submitting all required paperwork
	<i>Large Family Assessment</i>	\$600.00	<i>required w/4 or more children residing in household</i>
3b	Adoptive Parent Pre-Service Training	\$0	There is no charge to applicants.
	Amendment to an approved Home Study	\$250.00	Payable at the time of a reported change in circumstance to a family's approved home study.
4	Activation into Domestic Infant Matching Program	\$4,000.00	Step 4 is required of all families entering the program or re-entering after completing Step 6. This fee is not applicable to targeted adoptions.
	Creating Adoptive Family Profiles		Cost to create/print/purchase (4) profile books directly via www.shutterstock.com
5	Matching and Coordination Deposit	\$5,000.00	Due at the time of match. If a targeted adoption, this fee could be reduced at the discretion of the Director. If expectant parent discontinues the adoption plan prior to placement, a partial refund may apply per Director's discretion.
	Birth Parent Living Expenses	\$3,000.00	This is due at the time of the match if the birth parent requests living assistance. Unused funds will be returned.

6	Facilitation of the Permanent Surrender and Adoptive Placement	\$11,000	Due within 30 days of the placement date. In the event of a targeted adoption, the placement fee will be reduced 50%
7	Post-Placement	\$2,000	A minimum of 7 in-home post placement visits are required by law until the adoption is finalized in court, which is scheduled at a minimum of 6 months of post placement services. The cost for each additional post placement visit beyond the 1 st 7 will be \$350.00.
	Other expenses		Unknown until billed. Medical costs and/or insurance deductibles for birth parents as applicable, and miscellaneous fees including attorney representation for birth parent(s), court costs and finalization costs charged by attorney that represents adoptive family.
	Interstate fees	\$2,000.00	Charged at the time of the family's request for assistance with an out of state adoptive placement.
	Application for Medicaid for birth mother or baby	\$1,000.00	Billed as applicable
	Face to Face Meeting with Birth Parent and Agency Representative (Post Finalization)	\$350.00	Adoptive parents and birth parents may request to meet at our office or other location with an agency representative present. This fee applies to families who have finalized their adoptions.
8	Home Study Update or Transfer into Spirit of Faith Adoptions	\$1,000.00	A minimum of one face to face home visit will be required.

Other expenses may include:

- Counseling for birth parent following placement (up to \$1000.00)
- Photo profile book(s) paid directly to distributor

*** In the event when circumstances change after a home study has been completed, you are required to notify the Spirit of Faith office within 24 hours. Examples of these include relocation, change in household occupancy or structure to your home, serious illness or death of adoptive parent, separation or divorce, and/or a job change. In these situations, a home study amendment will be required in order to reflect the change in status to your home study. All involvement with law enforcement and/or Child Protective Services or marital separation/divorce or any serious illness or injury regarding an adopted child must be reported immediately to the Director.

FAQ's Concerning Fees

1. Are there any exceptions to the above fee schedule?

No. The placement fee will be adjusted if the child is defined as special needs within 72 hours of his/her birth.

2. Are the above fees complete?

The above fees may be adjusted in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as:

- **Home study fees:** If additional investigation is required as a result of new information that should have been relayed to the home study assessor during the normal home study

process, the applicants will be charged \$50.00 per hour for assessor time (including portal to portal) plus expenses (including but not limited to long distance phone calls, copies at .10 cents a page, mileage at .55 cents a mile).

- Placement fee: An additional \$2000.00 per child shall be charged for multiple births.

3. What are the total adoption costs?

The total cost for a domestic infant, in-state adoption is generally \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 depending on the circumstances. This could be subject to change if there are excessive hospital expenses which are not covered by the above fee schedule.

4. How often are the fees modified?

The fees are modified as circumstances dictate. Each time the fee schedule is modified, the schedule must be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for review. Also, any time the fee schedule is modified, you will be notified.

5. Is it possible that fees will be raised once I have submitted an application to “Spirit of Faith Adoptions”?

Yes, the fee schedule may be modified as noted above. You will be sent the new fee schedule with a signature page requesting your consent to the new fees your desire to remain on the agency’s waiting list.

6. If fees are increased and I choose not to consent to the new fees, will I receive a refund?

No.

7. Who do I call if I have concerns about fees?

Please contact the Director, or if unavailable, the Director of Family Services (419-843-5355) for any such questions.

8. When will fees be due?

Fees are due and payable upon completion of each step in the process as specified above.

These fees are payable via www.spiritoffaithadoptions.org or via check sent by US mail. An invoice for Step 6 will be issued within 30 days of the date of the adoptive placement. All fees must be paid in full to the agency in order to proceed with a scheduled finalization hearing. Until all fees have been paid, monthly post placement visits will continue to be provided by Spirit of Faith Adoptions until the finalization of the adoption has occurred in a court of law.

9. What if any of the fees are refundable.

No fees are refundable except:

- Any unused portion of the birth mother living expenses.
- In the unfortunate instance when a failed adoption occurs, SOFA’s costs will be prorated to the amount of time spent in the matter, but shall in no case exceed \$4,000.00 as it regards the Placement fee in Step 6.

10. May there be traveling expenses due?

Mileage fees are included in the fees however, families may be charged the federal government rate per mile from the nearest office location round trip to your home or the location of a meeting for a home visit in the event of extenuating circumstances

11. What is a “targeted” adoption? A targeted adoption consists of an adoptive family and a birth parent who already know one another prior to coming to Spirit of Faith Adoptions and request to be matched with each other and request Spirit of Faith Adoptions to provide adoption services to both parties.

Support for birth parents is allowable by law up to \$3000.00 and Spirit of Faith will work with the birth parent to seek out and obtain all available services and/or support from his/her community resources first.

The ability to pay a fee shall not influence the choice of the most appropriate family or parent(s) for a child. This fee structure shall be applicable and non-discriminatory to all persons who have adopted with Spirit of Faith Adoptions.

Spirit of Faith Adoptions works diligently with the parties involved in every adoption to insure that all needs are met in the most supportive and economical way. The staff makes every effort to negotiate fees with collaborating professionals whenever possible.

I/we have reviewed the information in this fee schedule and agree to pay all associated fees. I understand that the finalization of the adoption will be delayed until all fees are paid in full.

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