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Fee Schedule for Adoption Services rev 7/1/21

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

Step:	Title:	Fee:	Notes:
1	Initial Inquiry	\$0	click to go to this webpage
	Orientation to Infant Adoption 1 Hr Seminar	\$0	click to register to attend
2	Adoption Application	\$1000.00	
3	Homestudy Assessment	\$2500.00	for foster care and adoption
	Large Family Assessment	\$750.00	Required for families with 4 or more children
3b	Pre-Adoptive Infant Foster Care Pre-Service Training	\$0	Applies to families that apply to foster to adopt
4	Activation into Domestic Infant Matching Program	\$4000.00	Required for all families entering the program or re-entering after completing Step 7. (N/A for targeted adoptions)
	Adoptive Family Profiles (2)*		paid directly to www.shutterfly.com *(2) are needed if you sign the waiver allowing SOFA to share your profile digitally. If not, please order (4) books.
5	Matching and Coordination Deposit	\$5000.00	Due at the time of match. If targeted adoption, this fee could be reduced at Director's discretion. If expectant parent parents prior to placement, a partial refund may apply per Director's discretion.

	Deposit of Living Expenses for Expectant Mother	\$3000.00	This is due at time of match. Unused funds will be refunded.
6	Facilitation of Permanent Surrender and Adoptive Placement	\$11,000.00	Due within 30 days of placement. Reduced by 50% for targeted adoptions.
	Legal Representation for Biological Parent(s)	\$750-\$2000	SOFA requires indep. attorney(s) to represent biological parent at permanent surrender
7	Post Placement Supervision	\$2350.00	Minimum of 7 face to face visits required by law until adoption is finalized in court.
	Additional Post Placement Meetings	\$400.00 each	For each visit beyond required 1st 7
8	Homestudy Update	\$1000.00	Homestudies are valid for 24 months before requiring update

Special Circumstances (not applicable to every family):

	Interstate Compact (ICPC)	\$500.00	Charged at the time a family with an approved homestudy requests our assistance with an out of state adoption.
	Homestudy Amendment	\$250.00-\$500	Click here to report a change in your household (after homestudy is approved) If a home visit is required, the fee will be \$500
	Medical Expenses	varies	In the event that a parent does not have medical coverage for

			her pregnancy, adoptive parents will be financially responsible.
	Adoption Finalization	varies	(at least 6 months following the adoptive placement, you will be required to finalize your adoption in court. SOFA will provide a recommendation of a skilled adoption attorney. Fees will be payable directly to this attorney.)
	Post Adoption Support	varies	Spirit of Faith Adoptions staff will facilitate triad meetings @ a rate of \$100/hr. Ongoing training opportunities and support are also available by visiting www.spiritoffaithadoptions.org

	Post Placement Support Services for Birth Parent(s)	\$500-1500	May include: up to 10 counseling sessions and/or participation in Fireweed Birth Parent Retreat
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FAQ's Concerning Fees

1. Are there any exceptions to the above fee schedule? No.
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 \$75.00 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 \$29,300.00 to \$34,000.00+/- depending on the circumstances, not including finalization fees and possibly medical expenses if biological mother doesn't qualify for any health insurance coverage. This could be subject to change if there are excessive hospital expenses which are not covered by the above fee schedule. With the Ohio and Federal Tax credits totaling \$24,300 in 2020, the out of pocket fee range could be as low as \$5,000 to \$9,460 for qualifying households based on income. [Click to learn about how Adoption Tax Credits can apply.](#)

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 Step 4 Matching Program.

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 Program Director (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 7 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: a. Any unused portion of the birth mother living expenses. b. 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 7.

10. Will there be traveling expenses charged? 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 an expectant 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 expectant 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 through Spirit of Faith Adoptions.

Spirit of Faith Adoptions works diligently with the parties involved in every adoption to ensure 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.

Printed name of Applicant _____ / /
Signature of Applicant date

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