



Adoption Fee Schedule

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

This document summarizes Lutheran Family & Children's Services (LFCS) fees and other estimated expenses in effect at the time this document was produced and provided. In the future, those fees and expenses may change. Client will be charged the actual fees in effect at the time of billing; those amounts may vary from the amounts stated herein and will be updated at the time the adoptive parents commit to a program or service or agency.

Note: Deposit is due upon request for services. Customers will be advised when expenses exceed the deposit. If a fee or charge does not apply, please write N/A on the appropriate line.

Type of Fee	Usual Fee /Range	Deposit Amount	When Due	Amount Owed
Home Study Fee (relative/step-parent, domestic, embryo, independent/other agency)	\$1,500	\$1,500	At onset of home study	
Home Study Rush Fee (if applicable)	20% of home study fee		At onset of home study	
Hague International Home Study	\$1,800	\$1,800	At onset of home study	
Home Study Review/Process LFCS reviews all home studies from other providers	\$250	\$250	Upon receipt of home study from other agency	
Guardianship Suitability Guardianship Update	\$300 each \$150	\$300	Upon contract for service	
Adoption Webinars: (required with domestic home study)	\$60 -\$160 for Adoption Learning Partners	Paid to Adoption Learning Partners		
Hague Parent Training for International Home Studies (<i>required</i>):	Approximately \$150 for 10 hours of training	Paid to Primary Provider or to online training program		

Tough Start Learning Webinars for families adopting children over the age of 3, or with special needs	Approximately \$60 per family	Paid to Adoption Learning Partners		
Hospital Coordination	\$100 per hour	\$1,000	Upon contract for service	
Attorney costs for LFCS domestic agency adoption	\$2,000 to \$5000		Paid to contracted attorney by family	
Adoptive Family Workshop (one day educational training)	Included in the LFCS domestic adoption program fees; \$30 per family for independent or other agency adoptions			
Birth Mother and/or Father Counseling/Report	\$100 per hour	\$1,000	Upon contract for service	
Court Report/Appearance	\$100 per hour	\$1,000	Upon contract for service	
Foster Care with visit	\$75 per day		Upon contract for service	
Foster Care without visit	\$35 per day		Upon contract for service	
Post Placement/Adoption Services	Average 3 visits	\$300 each	Due at placement – if placement does not occur, funds are refundable	
Home Study Addendum/Update	3-15 hours	\$100 an hour	Upon contract for service	
Mileage Charge (current IRS rate)	Federal Rate		Upon completion of services	
Birth Mother Post-Placement Support/counseling	\$100 an hour	\$1000	Travel Time	
Non-Identifying Search Information, only:	\$150		Upon contract for service	

Court-Ordered Search:	\$450 Initial fee, non-refundable for up to 10 hours of services; \$65 thereafter		Upon contract for service	
LFCS Domestic Adoption Program	The sliding scale range is \$13,500 to \$30,000 . The total family income is considered in determining the fee; 1,000 additional fee for each sibling placement; approximate birth parent expenses of \$2,000	\$200 application fee and 1/3 of fee due at approval; 2/3 due at placement Birth parent fee of approximately \$2,000 may be due at the time of matching or at placement	Upon Contract for Services	
Self-Networking	\$1,000 Initial fee, for up to 10 hours of services, billed in 15 minute increments	\$1,000	Upon contract for services	

Fee Refunds

Special circumstances sometimes require a family, or LFCS to withdraw from the adoption process before the child arrives home. Fee refunds are determined by the following circumstances and will be refunded within 60 days:

Circumstance	Fee	Percent Refund
Family cancels. Withdraws after making application	Application Fee	0%
Family cancels. Withdraws and no meetings with social worker have taken place.	Application Fee Home Study Fee	0% 100%
LFCS does not approve the home study or adoption process – written reason is provided to the family and/or primary/supervise/exempt agency	Application fee Home study, post-placement or adoption fee	0% \$100 an hour is charged and the remaining that has been paid to agency is reimbursed
Family withdraws from the home study, post-placement or intercountry adoption process	Application Fee Home study, post-placement or adoption Fee	0% \$100 an hour is charged and the remaining that has been paid to agency is reimbursed