

ADOPTION FEE SCHEDULE
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHERN KANSAS
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APPLICATION: \$350

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas charges an application fee which covers the initial cost of setting up a file. Additional services covered under this fee include processing references and background clearances. The application fee includes the cost of 2 KBI / Federal Repository Checks, and 2 Kansas Child Abuse Central Registry Clearances. If you have additional adults living in your home, you will be subject to charges to cover the cost of the additional background check(s). In addition, if you have previously lived in a state other than Kansas, you will be required to pay for the cost of Child Abuse and Neglect Clearances for each additional states in which you have lived. Please note that fees vary by state.

ADOPTION PREPARATION AND EDUCATION FEE: \$105/\$135

Catholic Charities believes in the importance of educating couples about the dynamics of adoption. Each couple adopting domestically is required to view 3 courses on-line from Adoption Learning Partners. Couples will need to provide a copy of their certificates (including both of the partner's names) of completion to the adoption social worker before the home study begins. Online access is www.adoptionlearningpartners.org. The titles of the mandated modules are: **1) Open Adoption 101: What to Consider, How to Establish, and Ways to Stay Connected, 2) Let's Talk Adoption, 3) Finding The Missing Pieces.** If you are open to adopting a child of any race/ethnicity Conspicuous Families is an additional mandated module. You can find the courses by going to the blue "Adoption" tab at the top, right portion of the page. From there, you will choose the "Domestic Adoption" tab on the left side of the page. You will then be able to choose the individual links for each mandated module. Each parent is required to complete the modules, which totals to \$105.00 per couple or \$135.00 (with additional Conspicuous Families module).

MANAGEMENT / GUIDANCE & SUPPORT / MARKETING FEE: \$2700, due before the home study begins. Includes the processing and maintenance of paperwork necessary for the completion of a home study, case management, possible mailings of profiles, phone calls, unconsummated placement activities, and marketing services including enrollment through ParentFinder.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOME STUDY: \$1,000 plus mileage.

Half of payment is due at start and remaining fee is due upon completion of the Home Study. Your Home Study may be used for one year, either for an agency or independent adoption.

HOME STUDIES (THAT ARE LESS THAN ONE YEAR OLD) DONE INDEPENDENTLY OR BY ANOTHER AGENCY: These will be evaluated to verify the accuracy of the information. This will include a home visit. An estimated figure for the verification and providing adoption education is \$250.

ADOPTION PLACEMENT FEE: 8% of gross income (based on the previous year 1040 tax form)

Minimum placement fee = \$6,000 - Maximum placement fee = \$10, 950

Includes hospital social work activities, legal paperwork, 2 post placement visits/reports for Catholic Charities domestic adoptions, ongoing post adoption services as requested by family.

***The adoption placement fee must be collected before leaving the hospital with the baby.

ATYPICAL, CASE SPECIFIC FEE: You are responsible for legal fees, court costs, and newspaper publishing fees for severing unknown birth father's parental rights.

MEDICAL EXPENSES:

You are responsible for medical expenses incurred by the birthmother, which are not covered by insurance or Kansas Medicaid. For a placement, your health insurance plan should cover the baby from the time of birth. (Health insurance agencies may want a copy of the Placement Agreement; please check with your agency. Also, some health insurances cover birthmother's medical expenses).

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

***Payments must be up to date to proceed to the next level and for your profile to be shown.

The agency assumes no responsibility for incidental expenses that prospective adoptive parents may encounter while moving through the adoption experience (travel, lodging, meals, baby-sitting, medical, time lost from work, or securing your attorney for filing the Petition to Adopt and representation at the Hearing for Finalization).

It is understood that adoption fees are paid to support the agency's adoption program. Acceptance of payment is in no way to be understood as a guarantee that a child will be placed with the contributing family. The agency reserves the right to rescind its "available for adoptive placement" status at any time.

The agency reserves the right to revise the fee schedule at any time to reflect added costs which might be incurred. Also, services may vary depending on the needs of particular clients, and the availability of agency resources.

We understand the above stated procedures and will abide by them, as they apply to us.

Prospective Adoptive Father

Date

Prospective Adoptive Mother

Date