

FEE STRUCTURE FOR DOMESTIC ADOPTION – IN DIOCESE

Pre-Application Fee, <u>non-refundable</u>	<u>\$100</u>
Training Program Fee, <u>non-refundable</u> To be paid on or before the first training session	<u>\$750</u>
Technology Fee, <u>non-refundable</u> Paid to myadoptionportal.com to open your online adoption application	<u>\$250</u>
Home Study Fee , to be submitted when the online application is complete, prior to home study: Non-refundable home study fee for first agency adoption	<u>\$2,000</u>
Non-refundable home study fee for second CCDIOBR adoption	<u>\$750</u>
Non-refundable home study addendum fee (<i>per state regulations, home studies must have an addendum every twelve months</i>)	<u>\$150</u>
Life Affirming Fund , to be paid at time of Home Study Approval The fund allows us to provide financial assistance to more expectant women in crisis, therefore aiding them in making a life-affirming choice for their unborn children. The fee is NOT tied to an adoptive placement or to adoption, but to benefit all expectant parents with whom Catholic Charities works.	<u>\$1,500</u>
Placement Fee	<u>\$12, 500 – 31, 000</u>

The Placement Fee is charged *when a child is placed* in the adoptive home. **The fee is calculated as 20% of the family's adjusted gross income** for the tax year immediately preceding the home study (or home study update) after the minimum fee of \$12,500 has been met. The fee cap is \$31,000. The fee is due in full at the time of placement. The fee goes toward defraying the administrative and operating costs of the agency, including counseling services and assistance to the birth parents.

<u>Adjusted Gross Income</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Fee Range</u>
Under - \$50,000	20%	\$12,500
\$50,000 - 75,000	20%	\$12,500-15,000
\$75,000 – 100,000	20%	\$15,000 - 20,000
\$100,000 – 125,000	20%	\$20,000 – 25,000
\$125,000 – 155,000	20%	\$25,000 - 31,000
Over 155,000	20%	\$31,000

If placement occurs through Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge in conjunction with another agency, the fee schedule from that agency may supersede that provided by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. This may mean fees are higher than those presented in this document. You will have the opportunity to review these fees prior to making a decision to allow your profile to be shown.

Court and attorney fees, approximate	<u>\$1,500-\$3,000</u>
To be submitted after placement, prior to finalization, directly to the attorney	
State Police Fingerprint Fee	<u>\$10 per adult applicant</u>
State Criminal Background Clearance	<u>\$26 per adult applicant</u>
FBI Criminal Background Clearance	<u>\$18 per adult applicant</u>
Court Appointed Curator fee, if appointed by judge	- varies by parish, \$525 in East Baton Rouge parish
Medical Clearances	as per client's MD
Other adoption related costs:	<u>variable</u>
Psychological evaluation fee, if determined necessary	

An evaluation with a Therapist/Psychologist may be required *at the discretion of the Department or Clinical Director* upon consultation with the case worker completing the home study. The approximate cost is \$600 and is paid directly to the Therapist or Psychologist.

Post Placement Supervisory Visits: \$150 per visit

Per agency policy, a home study remains valid for two years from the initial date of approval. This time frame is based on state and child placing agency regulations. These regulations also stipulate that a placement cannot occur in the home if the home study is more than twelve months old. Therefore, an annual home study addendum must be completed. This addendum includes updates to criminal and medical clearances and addresses any changes in the home.

If a placement has not happened within three years, a home study update is required. This includes updates to all home study application documents.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all fees are payable to “Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge.” I understand that fees are subject to change at any time and that I will be expected to pay the fees of the current fee schedule at the time of payment. I have read, understand, and agree to pay the fees as outlined above as indicated.

Prospective Adoptive Parent Date

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