



Schedule of Fees

Application Fee

\$250.00

The application fee is submitted with the completed and signed adoption application and is nonrefundable. Applications expire after six months and must be resubmitted if no further action is taken on the part of the applicant.

Home Study Fees

Domestic Infant and Waiting Child (Children in Foster Care) Home Study Fee

\$2,000.00

Designated, Interstate and Inter-Country Home Study Fee

\$2,500.00

The home study fee is due at the time the approved home study is completed. A mileage fee and hotel expenses will be assessed when staff travel is required to provide services. WCS utilizes the federally approved mileage rate. A good faith estimate for a hotel is \$125.00 to \$250.00 per night depending on the location of the family and the time of year. Since WCS has no control over these fees WCS is not to be held responsible for any changes in this fee.

Domestic Infant Placement Fee

\$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00

The fee for a domestic infant placement is based upon 18% of the adoptive parent(s)' joint gross annual income with a minimum fee of \$16,000.00 and a maximum fee of \$20,000.00. Two-thirds of the placement fee is due at the time of placement, and the remaining one-third is due prior to adoption finalization. The Placement Fee is nonrefundable. The post-placement supervision/services fee is included in the placement fee.

Waiting Child Program Facilitation Fee

\$2,000.00

The facilitation fee applies to the waiting child (children in foster care) adoption program and offsets additional agency expenses incurred in interagency consultation, interstate compact requirements, and transition planning for placement of waiting children from the public child welfare system with WCS adoptive families. \$2,000.00 is due at the time of placement and is nonrefundable.

Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Supervision/Service Fee

**\$300 PER VISIT
plus mileage/travel expenses when applicable**

The total fee for post-placement/post-adoption supervision/services is billed after each post placement/post adoption visit and is nonrefundable. Number of post-placement/post-adoption visits required vary among programs. An average is 3-6 post placement/post adoption reports. A mileage fee and hotel expenses will be assessed if staff travel is required to provide services. WCS utilizes the federally approved mileage rate. A good faith estimate for a hotel is \$125.00 to \$250.00 per night depending on the location of the family and the time of year. Since WCS has no control over these fees WCS is not to be held responsible for any changes in this fee. Applicable mileage and hotel fees will be included in the fee for each visit.

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Domestic Infant Program:

Included in Placement Fee

Placements are supervised monthly until finalization. Post-placement service fees are included in the Placement Fee.

Interstate or Designated Infant:

Minimum of \$300.00

Placements are supervised until finalization of the adoption. Reports are completed in accordance with post placement requirements of the state, the adoption will be finalized in.

Inter-Country Adoption:

\$900.00 - \$1,800.00

Number and frequency of post-adoption supervisory visits vary according to the specific country's requirements. **NOTE:** if the country does not have a specific post-adoption requirement, Wyoming Children's Society will require a total of three (3) post placement/post adoption visits within the first six (6) months of placement.

Program Change Fee

\$500.00 to \$1,000.00

Adoptive applicants with a completed, current home study through Wyoming Children's Society who wish to change to a different adoption program or change the country from which they plan to adopt prior to receiving placement will be assessed the change fee noted above. This fee covers the cost of preparing the family for a change in country, assessing whether the family is approved to make this change and changing the home study to meet the new country's adoption requirements.

All fees are non-refundable and are not waived or reduced. All fees are payable via check, cash or credit card and are payable to Wyoming Children's Society.

Families adopting internationally will receive a detailed fee schedule from their primary provider detailing the cost of the adoption expenses in the United States, foreign country program expenses, care of the child, translation, and document expenses, third party fees, travel and accommodation expenses and contributions as required by Hague adoption standard 96.40 (b & c).

I/We have read and understand the Wyoming Children's Society Schedule of Fees and I/we agree to pay all fees specified in this fee schedule within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

Applicant

Date

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Wyoming Children's Society Explanation of Fees

1. Fees for services are the basis of Wyoming Children's Society operating budget, and fee amounts are derived to reflect as closely as possible the *actual cost* of providing statewide adoption services. If the expenses of agency operation increase, then it is necessary to increase our fees by a like percentage in order to maintain the fiscal health of the agency.
2. Wyoming Children's Society sets fees that are reasonable for the services provided in keeping with our non-profit status.
3. Fees for services cover the following agency expenses:
 - Day-to-day operating expenses including utilities, office supplies and equipment, postage, required building and professional insurance, website maintenance, public education, staff salaries, staff training and development, and more.
 - Maintenance of Hague accreditation and state licensure essential to our ability to provide adoption services generally and inter-country adoption services specifically.
 - Staff resources required for distribution, tracking and maintenance of documentation as required by the State of Wyoming licensing authority and Wyoming Children's Society standards.
 - Staff resources required for generation of mandatory legal and adoption documents and reports.
 - Time and resources required to provide quality services by professionally trained staff to expectant/birth parents, adoptive applicants, and in consultation with other adoption professionals across agency, state and national boundaries in the facilitation of domestic, waiting child and inter-country adoptions.
 - The expense of providing services and options counseling at no cost to expectant/birth parents in addition to some assistance with clothing, food, transportation, utilities, counseling, etc.
4. The Federal Adoption Tax Credit is available to adoptive parents who qualify and can result in the reimbursement of all or a portion of their adoption expenses following finalization of their adoption.