

Agency Services Fees Fees applicable to ALL families		
Description	Payment Terms	AMOUNT
Application Fee <i>Waived for re-applicants within 5 years.</i>	Due with completed application	\$500
Pre-Adoption Education Fee <i>Two-day agency led training. All families must also complete additional online training. Fee waived for reapplicants if education was completed within 5 years.</i>	Due prior to attendance	\$250/person
Home Study Fee <i>Fee reduced to \$1,900 for families returning within 5 years of previous CH/LSS placement. Fee adjusted to \$3,200 for dual list families that are open to Infant and Foster Care Adoption.</i>	Due at start of home study	\$2,900
Agency Fee <i>Program development and support, match and transition coordination and services provided, GROW groups and other agency assistance.</i>	Due prior to home study completion	\$2,750
Post Placement Supervision Fee <i>Supervision of the child placement including up to 3 visits/reports, plus review, management, and submission of finalization documents</i>	Due upon placement	\$1,500

Additional Agency Fees Billed only if applicable		
Description	Payment Terms	AMOUNT
Family Profile Service Fee <i>One-time fee for utilizing optional Family Profile Service</i>	Due upon entry into Profile Service	\$5,000
Home Study Update Fee <i>Fee adjusted to \$1,200 for dual list families that are open to Infant and Foster Care Adoption.</i>	Due prior to start of home study update	\$900/update
Additional Post Placement Visit Fee <i>May be required per state guidelines or statutes</i>	Due prior to additional visit	\$350/visit

LSS Birth Parent Service Fee Billed only when matched through LSS Family Profile Service		
Description	Payment Terms	AMOUNT
Birth Parent Service Fee <i>One-time, flat fee for services provided by LSS to Birth Parents. Fee reduced to \$6,000 if matched prior to receiving services</i>	Due at child's physical placement	\$8,500

Additional Birth Parent Service Fees Billed only when applicable if matched through LSS Family Profile Service		
Description	Payment Terms	AMOUNT
Bridge Care/Foster Care Fee <i>Flat fee for agency oversight of bridge care or foster care placement of child</i>	Due at child's physical placement, if utilized	\$1,500
Agency Legal Consult Fee <i>One-time, flat fee for agency consultation with attorney on legal matters regarding case</i>	Due at LSS initiation of legal consult	\$175
Court Consent or Termination of Parent Rights (TPR) Fee <i>Flat fee per process for agency to utilize attorney to complete court consent process or termination of parental rights as required by case.</i>	Due at LSS initiation of process	\$2,000

Third Party Fees Estimated fees for services required to complete adoption. Note: This does not include birth parent expenses, attorney or outside agency fees which may apply.		
EXPENSE	PAID TO	ESTIMATED COST
State Background Check	State	\$70 per person
Finalization Fee (varies slightly by county of residence)	County	Approx. \$400

Estimated Totals At-A-Glance

Based on a first-time adoption of one child after matching through agency Family Profile Service	
Service	ESTIMATED COST
Agency Fees	\$7,900 - \$8,150
Additional Agency Fees	\$5,000 - \$6,800
Birth Parent Services Fees	\$8,500
Additional Birth Parent Fees	0 - \$5,675
Third Party Fees	\$470-\$820

TOTAL COST: The approximate cost to adopt one child after matching through the agency Family Profile Service is \$21,870 – \$29,945 (not including outside agency, attorney or birth parent expenses associated which can vary greatly). Additionally, the length of time in which your family waits for a match will impact the amount of annual home study updates and annual background checks needed.

MAKING ADOPTION AFFORDABLE: We encourage you to explore the many resources available to help make adoption affordable! Visit our website to learn more: chlss.org/finance.

PAYMENT OF FEES: This is a good faith estimate of the charges deemed reliable as of the date published. The payment of fees for services rendered does not guarantee the placement of a child. Payment is due in full according to the timelines noted above. All fees, timelines and program requirements are subject to change. Agency fees will be honored at the rate that is current when the signed Fee Agreement is received by LSS. Late payments may result in a delay or cancellation of services. Fees not paid within 90 days of invoice date may incur a 2.5% late fee and referral for collections.

PAYMENT METHOD: Check. Personal checks and money orders are always welcome. Please make checks payable to Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. **Credit Card Payment or Electronic Bank Transfer:** Credit cards or electronic bank transfers may be used to pay for all adoption fees. Please note we do not accept American Express. To make a payment with credit card or electronic bank transfer, please visit <https://bit.ly/3v1RXIC>. If you have questions about payment, please contact billing@chlss.org.

CONSEQUENCES OF NONPAYMENT: Failure to pay fees as scheduled may result in the delay or cancellation of service and/or referral to an agency for collection.

FEE REDUCTIONS, WAIVERS AND REFUNDS: All fees are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. LSS may refund fees when paid for services which were not completed. All refunds will be processed within sixty (60) days after the request has been approved and the signed agreement has been returned to the agency. Reduction of fees will be considered on a case-by-case basis if requested.

TAX INFORMATION: Adoption service fees are not deductible for Federal or State Income Tax purposes, however, qualifying expenses may be eligible for the Adoption Tax Credit (see IRS publication #607, Tax Benefits for Adoption). Please consult with a tax professional to learn more.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of this Infant Adoption Cost Estimate Disclosure.

APPLICANT 1 Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

APPLICANT 2 Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____