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Domestic Adoption Fee Schedule

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Application Fee: \$150.00

This fee is used for local background clearances and any out of state background child abuse registry checks for the prospective adoptive parents. If there are additional adult members living in the household over the age of 18, there will be an additional \$50.00 fee per adult. TBI/FBI clearance fees will be the prospective adoptive parents' responsibility.

Domestic Adoption Home Study Fee: \$1,500.00

This fee is for the home study investigation for adoptions of children within the State of Tennessee and other States using ICPC services. Heaven Sent Children families that are completing a subsequent adoption with the agency will pay \$1,000 for the home study if the process begins within 24 months after finalization of their previous adoption.

Domestic Interagency Coordination Fee: \$200.00

Interagency coordination fee is charged when we are coordinating an adoption domestically with another placing agency such as American Adoptions, Heart of Adoption, Adoption Service Associates, etc.

Expedited Home Study Fee: \$500.00

This fee is in addition to the home study fee. This is applicable for families that are facing an urgent need for a home study due to the pending placement, imminent birth of a child, or pending court date for adoption.

Mileage Fee:

A mileage fee of \$0.47 per mile is charged for traveling total distances over 30 miles (round-trip) from the Heaven Sent Children offices for each visit. This fee can vary based on the State of Tennessee's adjustment of mileage rate.

Home Study Update Fee: \$400.00

Adoptive home studies must be updated annually to reflect changes that have occurred in the past year. A visit is conducted with the family, safety inspection of the home, complete new background checks, TBI/FBI fingerprinting, medicals, and various verifications to remain current in the program.

Post Placement Supervision Fee: \$250.00

On average there are 3 visits with a family over a 6 six month period after placement of a child with an adoptive family. Reports generated from the visits detail the child and family's adjustment, health of the child, and development. Please be aware that in cases of Interstate Placement additional visits may be required by the placing state to meet requirements for adoption. This fee is per visit.

***The following fees are only applicable if placement occurs through our agency. These fees do not apply for independent, embryo, and interstate adoptions.**

Heaven Sent Children Placement Fee:

Agency Domestic Placements are subject to a sliding fee scale which is based on income of the adopting family at the time of match with a birth mother. The fee covers a variety of general overhead and advertising expenses for Heaven Sent Children/TCFD. Half of the fee is due at the time of match and will be held until after the birth of the child and surrender of birth parents. If the placement does not occur all monies from the Placement Fee is **fully reimbursed** to the family. The remainder of the fee is due once the birth mother has completed the surrender and the 3 day revocation period has expired.

Family Income:

Under \$49,999	\$	10,000.00
\$50,000-\$74,999	\$	12,000.00
\$75,000 - \$99,999	\$	15,000.00
\$100,000 - \$199,999	\$	18,000.00
Over \$200,000	\$	21,000.00

Birth Parent Social Work Fee:

\$5,000.00

These fees are designed to cover birth mother counseling/support, assistance with related paperwork for termination of parental rights, birth parent termination of rights, and the surrender process. The fee is due after the match with a prospective birth mother or prospective adoptive child and due with the match agreement. Should a placement not occur due to the birth mother's decision to parent you will be charged for the work completed in your adoption case and refunded the balance.

- Birth Mother Counseling \$3,000.00
- Surrender & Related Documents \$2,000.00
 - Birth Mother Social Medical History (and Father if available)
 - Birth Mother Surrender of Parental Rights
 - Birth Father or Legal Father Surrender of Parental Rights
 - Birth Father Waiver of Notice and Interest (if available)

At-Risk Fee:

\$2,500.00

Estimated birthmother expenses are \$2,500 to be used towards allowable expenses incurred during her pregnancy and following the birth of the child. This fee is paid at the time of matching with the birthmother. Please note that the fee may exceed this amount depending upon the birth mother's situation and allowable needs. Once these fees are expended they will not be refunded. However, should the full amount not be used the remainder will be refunded to the family. A spreadsheet of the fee expenditures and receipts will be made available to the adoptive family at the close of the revocation period.

Birth Mother Medical Expenses:

This fee is applicable in the event that the birth mother does not have health insurance **or** has out-of-pocket expenses that were not covered by her insurance. This fee covers prenatal care, delivery and post-delivery, as well as the adoptive child's medical expenses. The fee will be estimated depending upon each unique situation and family will be presented with this information prior to match so that they may make an informed decision. It is important to remember that fees may be greater or less than the original estimate. This fee will be payable after termination of birth mother's rights and placement of the child. Families will receive proof of medical expenses.

Possible Additional Fees:

\$1,000.00

Additional expenses for mileage at **\$.47** a mile, hotel (if applicable at the time of delivery), meals, other incidentals necessary to insure placement is not to exceed **\$1,000.00**. The adoptive family will receive an itemized bill prior to the signing of the placement agreement (after birth parent relinquishment) if these expenses should occur.

All clients that sign into an agreement for adoption with Heaven Sent Children will adhere to the following guidelines regarding payment of fees to our agency.

1. All accounts that are 30 days past due will be subject to 1 ½% interest.
2. If for any reason your account has to go to a collection agency and/or attorney for collections you will be responsible for any and all fees accrued by the collections agency and/or attorney.
3. All credit card payments will have a 4% fee added to process the payment.
4. There will be a \$30 return check fee for all checks returned.

If there are any questions regarding your invoice or fees due, you can contact our Executive Director at denise@mytcfid.org or 931-684-4676.

We hereby acknowledge the Domestic Fee Schedule as outlined and agree to pay the fees for the particular services we are requesting. In addition we attest to our complete understanding that all fees are considered payment for services rendered and are in no way payment for a child, a positive home study or the guarantee of an adoptive placement.

Adoptive Applicant

Date

Adoptive Applicant

Date

The named couple, _____ and _____, duly sworn on oath, state that they have read the foregoing, and know and understand the contents thereof.

Subscribed to and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public
My commission expires: _____