

FEE STRUCTURE FOR DOMESTIC ADOPTION – OUT OF DIOCESE

The Diocese of Baton Rouge subsidizes the services provided to families who reside within the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Other Dioceses do not subsidize our services, therefore, higher placement and post placement fees must be charged to ensure that these adoption services are available to those who reside outside the civil parishes (Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. James, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana) of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Pre-Application Fee, non-refundable \$100

Training Program Fee, non-refundable \$750
To be paid on or before the first training session

Technology Fee, non-refundable \$250
Paid to myadoptionportal.com to open your online adoption application

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 \$3,000

Non-refundable home study fee for second CCDBR adoption \$1,500

Non-refundable home study update or addendum fee \$350

Per agency policy, a home study must be updated annually 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. This update includes updates to criminal and child abuse clearances, as well as annual DCFS online training, and it addresses any changes in the home.

Overnight Fee, to be charged only if a hotel stay is required for Home Study home visits to be completed. This includes hotel stay and per diem. \$150

Travel Fee, one-time fee assessed before the first home visit to cover travel time: \$150

Mileage Fee, Invoiced after each visit at the federally approved IRS rate at the time of the travel

Life Affirming Fund, to be paid at time of Home Study Approval \$1,500

The fund allows us to provide financial assistance to expectant parents in crisis. The fee is NOT tied to an adoptive placement or to adoption, but to benefit all expectant parents with whom Catholic Charities works.

Placement Fee \$16,500 – 38,750

The Placement Fee is charged *when a child is placed* in the adoptive home. **The fee is calculated as 25% 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 \$16,500 has been met. The fee cap is \$38,750. 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		\$16,500
\$50,000 - 75,000	25%	\$16,500-18,750
\$75,000 – 100,000	25%	\$18,750 - 25,000
\$100,000 – 125,000	25%	\$25,000 – 31,250
\$125,000 – 155,000	25%	\$31,250 - 38,750
Over 155,000	25%	\$38,750

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 \$1,500-\$3,000
 To be submitted after placement, prior to finalization, directly to the attorney

State Police Fingerprint Fee,
 Paid to LA State Police \$10 per adult applicant

FBI Criminal Background Clearance, \$18 per adult applicant
If adoptive families choose to use a channeler ~ \$40 per adult applicant

Court Appointed Curator fee, if appointed by judge - varies by parish, approximately \$525 in East Baton Rouge Parish

Medical Clearances as per client’s MD

Only If Applicable Fees:

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) \$500
Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) \$500

Other adoption related costs: variable
 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: \$250 per visit

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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