

Joyful World Ministries, Inc.
All Age Adoptions Plus
Fee Schedule and Agreement
2017

Joyful World Ministries, Inc. dba All Age Adoptions Plus is a non-profit agency that believes every child deserves a home. We are dedicated to finding the right home for each child and to helping people, who want to be parents, realize their dream through adoption. It is our intent to make adoption as affordable as possible so that adoption is available to a wide range of families. We work at keeping our expenses and cost low and our quality of service high.

We choose to provide individual care and attention, and therefore not every situation or expense can be predicted or outlined here. The following fee schedule and agreement covers many of the services that we provide on a regular basis. We will be happy to meet with you in person or by phone, to discuss your individual situation, the adoption process and our fees at no charge to you.

Parent's statement of understanding and agreement:

I understand that fees are for a small portion of the cost of agency operation, fees for services and direct expenses.

I understand that all fees are for services rendered and/or costs incurred and cannot be reimbursed once the service is rendered or the cost is incurred.

I understand that it is illegal for anyone to pay or promise something for placing a child for adoption in this country and every other country.

I understand that for a direct agency placement our exact fees will be stated in our contract and may reflect a change and/or more detail.

I have had an opportunity to discuss and ask for clarification of the fees and schedule with an Joyful World Ministries, Inc. dba All Age Adoptions Plus Staff.

I understand that although Joyful World Ministries, Inc. dba All Age Adoptions Plus will make every effort to notify us, all fees are subject to change without prior notice. A new fee agreement may need to be signed as part of the annual update of paperwork.

I agree to pay fees on schedule.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

PREPLACEMENT HOMESTUDY

_____ **APPLICATION** - \$400 paid when you submit your application. (non-refundable)

_____ **PREPLACEMENT HOMESTUDY** - paid when homestudy paperwork is submitted and before the first home visit. (non-refundable)

_____ \$1550 for our agency, an identified adoption, or a family domestic adoption

_____ \$1850 for an out-of-state agency

_____ \$2000 for an International Study - Hague or non-Hague country

_____ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER and/or REVIEW** - \$350 if another agency or social worker completed your homestudy and is less than a year old – paid with the submission of the homestudy.

_____ **EXPIDATED HOMESTUDY** - \$300 is in addition to the homestudy fee when you need a homestudy completed in less than 60 days from *the time all of your paperwork and homestudy fee* is submitted. The average time to complete a homestudy once your paperwork is submitted is 90 to 120 days. **An expedited study will need prior approval and is not always recommended.**

_____ **HOMESTUDY UPDATES, ADDENDUMS** - The fee is determined by the reason for the update. It is paid when the updated paperwork is submitted and is non-refundable. Some situations are listed below.

- \$550 - domestic agency update to stay current
- \$850 - USCIS, another placing agency, or out-of-state agency update - to stay current.
- \$1550 – to update a homestudy that our agency completed and is not current or you used it for a previous adoption or change of venue, i.e. from domestic to international (\$400 when you apply, \$1150 due prior to the first interview).
- \$100 per hour for changes in your homestudy that do not require a home visit.
- \$350 for an update or addendum to a homestudy that is current but requires a home visit.
- If your home study was completed by another agency and you have used it for a previous adoption, or it is more than a year old and/or you need a new stand-alone homestudy you may be charged for an application fee and a homestudy fee as stated above.

POST-PLACEMENT POST-ADOPTION SERVICES

In the United States post-placement is required to finalize your adoption. Most international adoptions require post-adoption reports, even if you finalize the adoption in their country. In addition to legal requirements; post-placement services include support and referral services for your child and family.

_____ **POST-PLACEMENT, POST-ADOPTION VISIT AND REPORT** - \$300 per one home visit and one report, paid at time of visit. Fee includes coordination with placing agency, country and/or ICPC.

_____ **ADOPTIONS PLUS AGENCY PLACEMENT** – Post placement is included in your Domestic Adoption Placement Fee if you live in New Mexico. Travel outside of the agency or counselor’s area is additional. Out-of-state postplacement will be completed with your homestudy agency and paid to them.

GENERAL ADOPTION SERVICES

_____ **ADOPTEE COUNSELING** for adoption finalization - \$300 is paid at the first counseling session and may include up to two sessions and the court report.

_____ **STEPARENT OR CUSTODIAL ADOPTION COUNSELING** - \$300 is paid at the first counseling session and may include up to two sessions and the court report. A discount may be made if two or more family members are seen at the same time for the same adoption.

_____ **BIRTHPARENT RELINQUISHMENT COUNSELING** - \$300 is paid at the first counseling session and may include up to two sessions and the court report. Additional counseling is highly recommended and available at \$100 per hour. Unlimited pre and post-adoptive counseling including the counseling narrative is available for \$2500. Relinquishment counseling that needs to be done in less than 48 hours may be charged up to \$100 extra.

_____ **GENERAL COUNSELING AND COACHING** - \$100 per hour, paid at the session.

_____ **ADOPTIVE PARENT EDUCATION** fees for classes may vary depending on the class. A three hour evening class is usually \$20-\$30 per person. Parent training is recommended and often required. Online web training is also available through our website.

_____ **TRAVEL** \$0.575 per mile (or current IRS guidelines) and \$25 per hour for worker's travel time. Fees are calculated from our office or the social worker's area (whichever is closest) by Map Quest. If an overnight is scheduled there is an additional \$90 lodging fee.

_____ **ICPC COORDINATION AND RECEIVING FEE** - \$550 this fee applies if you are matched by another agency or attorney with a child outside of New Mexico and will be returning to New Mexico with the child. The fee may include as needed coordination with agencies, ICPC offices, attorneys; and administrative costs.

_____ **PRIMARY PROVIDER FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION** - \$800 - \$5000
A detailed and separate contract will be signed if this agency is the primary provider.

_____ **BANK CHARGES** Donations sent through All Age Adoptions Plus for identified families are charged at 3%. PayPal or credit card charges for fees are charged at 3%

INFANT DOMESTIC PROGRAM

_____ **APPLICATION** - \$400 is paid with application.

_____ **HOMESTUDY** - \$1550 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

_____ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER** - \$350 applies if another agency completed your homestudy and you are sending it to All Age Adoptions Plus to use for the placement of a child with our agency.

_____ **DOMESTIC PROGRAM FEE** - \$18,500 for Adoption Services
\$2,500 - \$7000 for Birthmother Expense Fund

1st payment

*A \$1,000 tax-deductible donation to the Child and Birthparent Fund is due after the approval of your homestudy and the submission of the Domestic Program contract. This minimally covers expenses related to outreach, counseling and working with birth families that may or may not choose adoption. This donation is non-refundable.

2nd

*\$6,500 is due within 24 hours of being matched with an expectant mother or child and you agree to the placement. This minimally covers services to expectant/birth mothers and necessary living expenses. If the placement does not happen, a refund of any portion of the fee (minus \$1000) that has not been used can be made, or applied to the next placement.

3rd

*\$11,000 is due when Adoptions Plus places the child with you. This fee may include as needed: birth family outreach, unlimited pre and post adoptive counseling for the expectant/birthparents, personal assistance during labor, hospital plan and coordination, most birth family legal fees, preparation of paperwork, adoption plans and preparation, birthfather searches, matching and liaison, post-placement services, communication agreements, filing and mailing necessary paperwork and finalization reports.

4th

*Birthmother expenses above the \$18,500 fees to be paid with this placement and any additional birthmother expenses for six weeks following placement to be paid prior to the agency consent of adoption.

The \$18,500 fee does not include:

Application

Homestudy fee and related costs

Homestudy transfer fee

Birthmother legally allowable expenses (medical, maternity and living expenses) over \$100 – **Please budget up to an additional \$2500 - \$7000 in possible birthparent expenses.**

Birth couple relinquishment legal fees over \$1000

Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area

Out-of-state post-placement supervision and reports

Adoptive parent attorney fees and court fees

Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement

A detailed and separate contract will be signed when you choose this program.

LIBERIAN PROGRAM

Joyful World Ministries, Inc. is in Partnership With Americans For African Adoptions, Inc.
Please request the Program Description if you have not yet reviewed it.

_____ **APPLICATION** - \$400 is paid with the Liberian Adoption Program application. This is an additional application fee. It is non-refundable

_____ **HOMESTUDY** - \$2000 for New Mexico families. Out-of-State fee are determined by the out-of-state agency. It is non-refundable.

_____ **OUT-OF-STATE HOME STUDY REVIEW & INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT**
\$350 – paid with the completion of the homestudy - It is non-refundable.

_____ **HUMANITARIAN AID DONATION** - \$1,000 paid with signed Service Policy and Agreement. Donations are used for humanitarian aid projects, aid to local expectant or birth families, families in need, towards special needs and/or family adoptions. Waived for special needs adoptions & Liberian American families. It is non-refundable.

_____ **US AGENCY PROCESSING FEE** - \$6,500 one child, \$3,000 additional for each related or unrelated child. \$3,600 – (\$2,400 grant for special needs child) ½ paid when you dossier is complete. ½ paid prior to travel. This fee covers agencies cost to facilitate your adoption with Liberian orphanages, US agencies, Liberian & US attorneys & government officials in the United States and Liberia. This fee includes 12 hours of Hague training specific to Liberia; post-placement processing & shipping; personnel costs to include training; administrative overhead; filing fees; US operational costs; communication with Liberia; child referrals; dossier preparation; assistance with USCIS forms & applications, communication, publications costs associated with providing adoption services in-country. It is non-refundable.

_____ **INTERNATIONAL FEE** - \$4,200 one child, \$2,500 additional for each related or unrelated child when adopted by an American family, \$500 for each additional related child for a Liberian/American family. ½ paid when you dossier is complete - ½ paid prior to travel. The fee includes dossier review for orphanage, multiple Liberian government Ministries, Liberian lawyer & court; Liberian government officer's investigation & report; orphanage investigation of the child's background, family & any known witnesses involved; child's initial medical exam & HIV, Hepatitis B & Sickle Cell tests; the US Embassy medical exam; child's original birth certificate, 2nd birth certificate with adopting family's last name; child's Liberian passport. Obtaining, copying records and/or documents required to complete the adoption & other documents related to the adoption; notarization; international shipping; representing adoptive parents with various Liberian Ministries including the Foreign Affairs Ministry, includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, coordination & communication costs & miscellaneous costs associated with providing adoptive services in Liberia. There are no translation fees as English is the national language.

LIBERIA PROGRAM (continued)

The International fees are received by:

GOL Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection.
AFAA House Orphanage Director - Oretha D. James
The Kemp & Associates Legal Consultancy Chambers, Inc.
GOL Judicial Branch of the Monterrado County Probate Court
GOL Ministry of Health & Social Welfare
GOL Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Liberian Police
Liberian (US Embassy approved and designated) Medical Exam Doctors

_____ **Orphanage Child Care Fee:** \$1,500. Estimated expenses for care of one child in Liberia prior to the adoption, including, but not limited to expenses for food, medical care, clothing, shelter, education (when applicable) staffing and other services provided directly to the child.

_____ **Post-decree:** \$1000 for New Mexico residents, Out-or-state fees determined by out-of-state agency Three home visits and reports for the first year to Liberia and assistance with the Recognition of Foreign Adoption decree and birth certificate.

_____ **Additional and Estimated Third Party Fees,** not covered in the Program Fees above and paid directly by the adopting family:

- USCIS I-600A per family + fingerprints for two adults - (please check USCIS for any changes in fees). (\$775, plus \$85 biometric per person).
- USCIS I-600 form for each, non-sibling, unrelated child – No charge for one child; family pays to US Embassy in Liberia for each, non-sibling, additional child \$775 ... (please check USCIS for any changes in fees).
- US Parents Passports and two passport photos for each parent. (approximately \$135 - \$165 for the passport and \$10 - \$20 per two pictures (please check USCIS for any fee changes.)
- US Parents Liberian Visas – paid to Liberian Embassy in DC. The Liberian visa is good for three months. - \$131. (Please check Liberian Embassy in DC for any fee changes.)
- Child's US visa – families pay to the US Embassy in Liberia. (\$325.00 per child)
- Recognition of the Foreign Adoption decree or Re-adoption - United States attorney fees, court fees and US birth certificates – (fees are dependent on your state of residency and your attorney of choice.)
- USCIS Certificate of Citizenship – if the child arrives with an IR-4 Visa the cost is \$1,170 BUT, since Liberian adoptions are final – children will be an automatic US citizen as long as one adopting parent has seen the child(ren) BEFORE the adoption is finalized in the Liberian High Court.

Travel and Accommodation, meals and other personal in-country expenses:

- Travelers vaccinations & Malaria medication (please consult your health dept. and/or health care provider and/or with your medical insurance.)
- Air travel - (One trip, by at least one parent, for approximately three weeks is required.) \$1,500-\$3,000 round trip.

- Basic guesthouse or Airbnb - estimate - \$75 a day
- Guest House Meals, per meal, per person - estimate of \$20 a meal, each person
- Other guest houses and hotels are available - up to about \$375 a night.
- In-country transportation – paid to orphanage director for fuel & car rental - \$50 for a full day of service.
- Internet and phone services - estimate of \$25 a day.
- Gifts and souvenirs – at your discretion

A detailed and separate contract will be signed when you choose this program.

AGENCY PLACEMENT FOR AN IDENTIFIED ADOPTION

An identified adoption is where you and the biological family have identified each other without the help of our agency.

Please be advised that New Mexico is a “no facilitator state” and that only an attorney, child placement agency, investigator or counselor licensed in New Mexico or another state where the adoption service is being facilitated may provide an adoption service for compensation. An example of Adoption Service may include arranging or assisting in the process of connecting or matching parents who may place a child for adoption with prospective adoptive parents; providing counseling, advice or guidance related to a potential adoption; receiving or disbursing funds or anything of value on behalf of a prospective adoptive parent or to a parent who may place or has placed a child for adoption.

_____ **APPLICATION** - \$400 is paid with application.

_____ **HOMESTUDY** - \$1550 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

_____ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER and/or REVIEW** - \$350 applies if another agency completed your homestudy and you are sending it to All Age Adoptions Plus to use for the placement of a child with our agency.

_____ **PLACEMENT FEE** - The \$8000 fee applies if you and the birthparents have identified each other our side of the agency and want to or need to do an agency adoption. This fee is due in two installments:

\$4000 after your homestudy is approved and prior to services beginning, and
\$4000 is due at time of placement.

The fee may include as needed adoption coordination; up to five birthparent counseling sessions; hospital and adoption plans; birthfather searches; placement of the child; paperwork and coordination for relinquishing of parental rights; post placement and final court report. If the placement does not happen, a refund of any portion of the fee that has not been used can be made, or applied to the next placement.

This fee does not include:

- Application, homestudy or homestudy transfer fee
- Birth mother miscellaneous expense over \$100
- Birth family legal expenses
- Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area
- Adoptive parent attorney fees
- Out-of-state post placement services and finalization
- Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement