

Joyful World Ministries, Inc.  
All Age Adoptions Plus  
Fee Schedule and Agreement  
2020

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 every child that comes to us and to helping people, who want to be parents, realize their dream through adoption. It is our intention to make adoption as affordable as possible and to a wide range of families. We work at keeping our expenses and cost low and our quality of service high.

We 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 we provide on a regular basis. We will be happy to meet with at no charge to you, in person or by phone, to discuss your individual situation, the adoption process and our fees.

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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 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.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature

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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)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1575 for our agency, an identified adoption, or a family domestic adoption

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2100 for an International Study - Hague and non-Hague countries

\_\_\_\_\_ **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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **EXPEDITED HOMESTUDY** - \$350 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.
- \$375 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** - \$325 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **STEPPARENT OR CUSTODIAL ADOPTION COUNSELING** for finalization - \$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** - \$350 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** \$0.50 per mile and \$25 per hour for worker's travel time. Fees are calculated from our office or the social worker's area (whichever is closer) by Map Quest. If an overnight is scheduled there is an additional \$90 lodging fee or cost of lodging – whichever is less.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ICPC COORDINATION / RECEIVING FEE OR CHANGE OF PRIMARY AGENCY 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.

This fee also applies if you have changed your Primary Provider agency for your international adoption. It may include as needed interagency agreements; update in paperwork, coordination with agencies, ICPC offices, attorneys; administrative costs

\_\_\_\_\_ **PRIMARY PROVIDER FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION** - \$1250 - \$5000. For all international adoptions, a Hague accredited agency must be your Primary Provider. A detailed and separate contract will be signed if Joyful World Ministries, Inc. is your primary provider.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BANK CHARGES** Fees paid by credit card through PayPal are charged an additional 3%

## INFANT DOMESTIC PROGRAM

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **HOMESTUDY** - \$1575 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** - \$19,500 for Adoption Services  
\$2,500 - \$7000 for Birthmother Expense Fund

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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\*\$7,000 is due within 48 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.

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\*\$11,500 is due when Adoptions Plus places the child with you. This fee may include as needed: birth family outreach, pre and post adoptive counseling for expectant/birthparents, assistance during labor, hospital plan and coordination, most birth family legal fees,, adoption plans and preparation, placement, initial birthfather searches, matching and liaison, post-placement visits and reports, communication agreements, filing and mailing paperwork and finalization reports.

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\*Birthmother expenses above the \$19,500 to be paid prior to the agency consent of adoption

### **The \$19,500 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 for 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.

## 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** - \$1575 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
- Birthmother allowable living expenses
- Birth family legal expenses
- Adoptive parent attorney fees
- Out-of-state post placement services and finalization
- Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement
- Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area

## **LIBERIAN PROGRAM**

Joyful World Ministries, Inc. is in Partnership with Americans For African Adoptions, Inc. ***Please request the Program Description and Service Policy Agreement 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** - \$2100 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** - \$500 – paid with the completion of the homestudy - It is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ **HUMANITARIAN AID DONATION** - \$1250 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 & reduced to \$500 for Liberian American families. It is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ **US STATE DEPT. MONITORING FEE** – \$525 paid with Service Policy and Agreement. In compliance with the mandate issued by the US State Department, as of 2/15/2018, this fee is paid to JWM who will pay it to the agency appointed by the US State Department for Monitoring and Oversight. The US State Department requires that the \$500 (*per child*) fee be remitted following the finalized contract for services with your adoption agency. The payment will not be refunded by the monitoring agency under any circumstance. \$25 minimally covers the banking and accounting time and fees.

\_\_\_\_\_ **US AGENCY PROCESSING FEE** - \$9000 one child, \$3000 additional for each related or unrelated child. \$4000 – (\$4500 grant for special needs child) JWM, Inc. and AFAA, Inc. agency processing fee is received by AFAA & JWM and covers agencies cost to facilitate your adoption with Liberian orphanages, US agencies, Liberian and US attorneys and government officials in the United States and Liberia. This fee includes two hours child specific training; post-adoption processing and shipping; personnel costs to include training; administrative overhead; filing fees; US operational costs; communication with Liberia; child referrals; dossier preparation; assistance with USCIS forms and applications, communication, publications costs associated with providing adoption services in-country.

\_\_\_\_\_ **INTERNATIONAL FEE** - \$6500 one child \$4500 additional for each *child*. Includes dossier review by orphanage, plus multiple Liberian government Ministries, Liberian lawyer and court; Liberian government officer's investigation and report; orphanage investigation of the child's background, family and any known witnesses involved; child's initial medical exam and HIV, Hepatitis B and Sickle Cell tests. Child's original birth certificate, 2nd birth certificate with adopting family's last name. Death certificates of biological parents, if applicable, Child's Liberian passport. Obtaining, copying records and/or documents required to complete the adoption and other documents related to the adoption; notarization; international shipping; representing adoptive parents with various Liberian Ministries including the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Liberian immigration department, US Embassy, Embassy doctor, includes personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, coordination and communication costs and miscellaneous costs associated with providing adoptive services in Liberia.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ORPHANAGE CHILD CARE** – \$3500 for children residing at the AFAA House Orphanage \$250 per month, after one year. This fee includes - for children 4 and older, one year of private school tuition, uniforms and supplies. For children 3 and younger and special needs children the fee includes additional child care, diapers, formula and other baby and toddler and special need care supplies.

\_\_\_\_\_ **POST ADOPTION IN NEW MEXICO** \$1000