



# Adoption Fees

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The fees that are charged for adoption varies based upon the child who is adopted. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet contracts with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for some adoption services. Fees for children covered by those contracts are outlined below.

In all cases, legal fees associated with the adoption of a child are the responsibility of the adopting parent. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, does not assume responsibility for any legal fees associated with adoptions. ***Catholic Charities shall not proceed with finalization of an infant adoption until all agency fees are paid in full, unless special arrangements have been made with the Business Office.***

## Infant Adoptions

Application Fee	\$ 300 (Due with application)
Adoption Home Study	\$ 1,500 (Due at the beginning of the Home Study)
Training	\$ 500
Post Placement visits (3)	\$ 750
Additional Post Placement Visits	\$ 200 each

Both the Application Fee and the Home Study Fee are ***non-refundable*** fees. Catholic Charities does not guarantee the placement of any infant or child when the Home Study is initiated.

Update of Home Study or Investigatory Report	\$ 500
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Infant Adoption Fee	10% of Income. Persons/families with an income in excess of \$100,000 will be charged 12% of their income. (Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, Inc. charges a minimum fee of \$3,000 and maximum of \$50,000 for infant adoptions). This fee is due at the time of placement.
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***Catholic Charities will determine adoption fees for all infant adoptions during the Home Study. As part of this process, families are required to submit a copy of the most recent year's W-2's and a copy of Verification of Employment from their employer as proof of income. Final payment of all fees for adoptions is due at the time of placement. Persons who require special arrangements shall contact the business office of Catholic Charities upon the direction of the worker.***

## Identified Adoptions

Application Fee	\$ 300 (Due with application)
Adoption Home Study and Training	\$ 1,500 (Due at the beginning of the Home Study)
Update of Home Study	\$ 500
Post Placement Services (3 visits)	\$ 750
Additional Post Placement Visits	\$ 200 each
Birthmother Counseling	\$ 60 / hour plus mileage

***Catholic Charities does not assume the responsibility for the payment of any medical bills for either the birth mother or the child for identified adoptions. Counseling for birthmothers not enrolled in the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, Inc. Maternity Services Program is at an additional cost. These costs are solely the responsibility of the adopting family.***

**Intercountry Adoption Fee**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, Inc. is a non-for-profit agency that provides Home Study and post placement services for Intercountry Adoptions as applicable under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoptions. Fees are assessed as follows:

**International Adoptions:**

Application Fee:	\$ 300 (due with application)
Adoption Home Study:	\$2,500 (due at beginning of Home Study)
Training:	\$ 500
Investigatory Report/Home Study Update:	\$ 500
Post placement Services (3 visits):	\$ 750
Additional post placements & visits:	\$ 250 each
Services provided for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> child placed at same time:	\$ 600
Monitoring Visit (licensed only):	\$ 50

*Catholic Charities fees for Intercountry Adoptions are in addition to any fees charges by the lead agency with whom the family is working.*

All adoption fees are to be paid in full prior to the date of the finalization of the adoption.

**Special Needs Adoptions (DCFS)**

To be eligible for placement through the Special Needs Contract children must meet the following criteria:

1. Children must have an irreversible or non-correctable physical, mental, or emotional disability.
2. Children who have a physical, mental, or emotional disability that is correctable through surgery, treatment, or other specialized services.
3. Children who are 1 year of age or older
4. Children who are members of sibling groups who are being adopted together where at least one child meets one of the criteria above.
5. Child is being adopted by adoptive parents who have previously adopted, with adoption assistance, another child(ren) born of the same mother or father parent(s) but who is no longer a legal sibling.

No fees are associated with children placed under this contract. Children who are placed under the Special Needs contract may be eligible for a cash subsidy from the State of Illinois. Catholic Charities is not able to guarantee that the request for a subsidy will be approved, however, the adoption Case Worker will assist the family to apply with DCFS for the subsidy.

