# **ACF ADOPTIONS**

## North Miami Beach, Florida / Huntsville, Alabama

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\$6,500.00

Application (non-refundable) \$1,000.00

Adoption Program Fee\* \$20,000.00

Advertising, agency case management, facility maintenance, administrative services, outreach, birth parent counseling and post adoption communication coordination.

#### ACF Legal Fee\* (Florida cases)

Diligent Search, Service of Process, Affidavit of Non-Paternity
Consent/placement Termination of Parental Rights, Report
Of Placement, Declaratory Statement, Adoption Finalization.
ACF does not provide legal services in Alabama but can refer
prospective adoptive parents to and coordinate with experienced
adoption attorneys to complete the necessary legal work.

### Misc. Fees - If applicable

ICPC Fee – U.S. families outside FL	\$1,500.00
ICWA Fee	\$1,000.00
Intercountry Fee	\$5,000.00
IAAME Fee	\$ 500.00

#### **Estimated Birth Mother, Court and Misc. Costs**

Birth Parent Living Expenses \$0-\$10,000.00+
Birth Parent Medical Expenses \$750.00
Court Costs \$1,000.00-\$1,500.00
Travel/Medical records, Misc. \$1,500-2,000.00
Birth Parent Attorney (est.) \$1,000.00
Adoption Management Software \$900.00
Temporary Foster Care (if applicable) varies

Total estimated fees and costs for adoption program: \$35,000.00 - \$45,000.00

\*The average cost of a typical adoption finalized by ACF in 2019 was \$34,700.00 with a high of \$45,000.00\*

### **Payment Schedule**

- 1. \$1,000 application fee is due upon submission of application (non-refundable)
- 2. \$1,000 of the Adoption Program Fee is due within seven (7) days of the consultation towards pre-match case management and advertising (non-refundable).

- 3. \$2,500 of the Intercountry Fee and \$500 IAAME Fee (if applicable) is also due within seven (7) days of the consultation. (non-refundable)
- 4. \$8,000.00 of the Adoption Program Fee is due upon acceptance of match with a Florida expectant mother and \$6,0000 of the Adoption Program Fee is due upon acceptance of match with an Alabama expectant mother (non-refundable including in the event of a failed match)
- Total of estimated costs is due upon acceptance of match (in the event of a failed match any unused portion will refunded).
- 6. \$17,500.00 of the Adoption Program Fee is due at placement (Florida) and \$13,000 of the Adoption Program Fee is due at placement (Alabama) along with the balance of any outstanding cost deposit and any ICPC/ICWA or intercountry fees.
- Prior to Finalization a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements will be provided to indicate any final costs or refunds due.

Most ACF agency services are quoted on a flat rate basis before the service is rendered. For cases involving limited or unique services, the hourly fee for agency services is \$300 per hour.

ACF is a charitable organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, ACF will not accept actual or promised donations from any current applicants during the period between application and finalization of the adoption.

Refund Policy: ACF charges only for services rendered and costs incurred. If prospective birth or adoptive family fails to proceed to placement, any balance remaining after all obligations have been satisfied will be refunded within sixty days.

ACF reserves the right to make adjustments and fee waivers under special circumstances. Special circumstances may include financial need of an adoptive family identified for a specific child or adoption of a child with special needs.

Fees are subject to change and current fee structure shall apply at the time of match/placement.

The prospective adoptive parents agree to pay to ACF Adoptions in United States dollar (USD) – ACF WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EXCHANGE RATE THAT MAY APPLY.

By my signature below, I acknowledge I have reviewed and understand the adoption fees and costs as outlined above.