



HOMESTUDY SERVICES ADOPTION FEES

Effective November 2022

Holt International provides services to adoptive parents who desire to adopt a child born in the United States in compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC).

Application Fee | \$350

Due at the time you apply to Holt and non-refundable. Holt will carefully review your application and arrange a time to discuss next steps with you. Adoption consultant referral information is available.

Initial Home Study Fee | \$2,900

Due prior to starting the home study process. Holt will conduct required background checks on all household members, obtain references from the individuals you list on your application, and guide you through the process of collecting all necessary supporting documentation to complete a home study assessment for your family, including verification of parent training. Once most of your documentation has been submitted, Holt will review your file and assign your case to a social worker to conduct interviews. A social worker will schedule a home visit and interview all household members to gather information for the assessment. Once all the necessary information has been gathered, the social worker will write an extensive report including all required information regarding your family to meet state requirements.

Home Study Update Fee | \$750

Payment due to Holt prior to the first home study update appointment. Holt requires a yearly home study update for all families. An updated home study is also required if significant events occur prior to the placement of a child, such as a move, a job change, a change in household composition, etc. Should you choose to change programs within Holt after your original home study is completed, a home study update is also required.

Placement Coordination Fee | \$500

Payment due when matched with an expectant parent or a child born in another state. Holt will provide supporting documentation required by the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) in order for you to travel between states after receiving placement of a child for adoption.

Post Placement Fee | \$500 per visit

Payment due at time of child placement with the adoptive family. The frequency of post-placement reports required varies depending on state and agency requirements. Holt requires a visit and report during the first 90 days after placement for all children, regardless of whether this is required by the state or placing agency. There is an additional fee of \$100 per report for post-placement reporting for families that adopt 2 or more children.

Adoption Finalization/Re-Finalization Fee | \$500

Some states require Holt to complete a court report provide supporting documentation in order to finalize certain types of adoptions. If your adoption finalization requires Holt to generate a court report or requires a Holt social worker to attend your court hearing, an adoption finalization/ re-finalization fee will be invoiced to your family prior to the report being issued or the scheduled court appearance.

California families completing a finalized adoption of a child from another country are required to initiate the U.S. re-finalization process as required by the state of California within 60 days of the child's arrival to the U.S. Failure to file a re-adoption petition within 60 days of the child's entry into the U.S. will result in Holt filing the re-adoption request and the adoptive parent will be responsible for all costs and fees incurred as a result of these good faith actions.

Travel Fee:

A travel fee is charged for each home visit. You will be billed this fee at the time you are billed for the associated service requiring a home visit. The travel fee is calculated based on the distance between the office of the nearest social worker and your home.

- 0-15 miles one way - \$25 per visit
- 16-75 miles one way - \$75 per visit
- 76-150 miles one way - \$150 per visit
- 151+ miles one way - \$200 per visit

Additional Travel Costs:

Overnight Fee (in addition to travel costs) – You will be billed \$250 per night if an overnight stay is required by the social worker in order to provide services.

Flights – For visits that require a social worker to fly to your destination, you will be billed the cost of the flight along with the rental car cost for transportation to and from the airport.

- **Fingerprinting & Background Clearance(s) Fee** | Payment made to vendors
- **Adoption Preparation Training** | Payment made to Holt International and training vendors. Required for all adoptive parents.
- **Adoption Attorney Fees** | Varies-paid to attorney by family
- **File Retrieval** | Current Rate Applies

Fee Reductions:

If you completed a home study with Holt in the last three years, the home study fee is reduced by **10%**.

Fee Refunds:

If either you or Holt decide to discontinue the process before the home study is completed, Holt will refund a portion of the home study fee as follows:

- 50% refund if the study is terminated prior to the initial home visit by a social worker
- 0% refund if a home visit with a social worker has taken place

If child placement does not occur, Holt will refund the placement coordination fee and any post-placement/post adoption fees paid. If you move after child placement to a state where Holt does not have a branch office, Holt will refund you the unused portion of your post-placement/post adoption fee based on the number of reports completed.

We acknowledge we have received and have read the fee information listed above.

Adoptive Parent

Date

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