

THE ADOPTION PROCESS

The following is a general overview of the stages involved with starting and completing an adoption with Home At Last Adoption Agency. If you have any questions about the information listed below, please contact us and an Adoption Specialist will assist you.

Stage#1 Initial Information:

- ◆ Preliminary Application
- ◆ Reasons Families Choose Home At Last
- ◆ Commonly Asked Questions
- ◆ Tax information and Financial Resources
- ◆ Domestic and/or International Adoption Services Fees
- ◆ Adoptive Parent References
- ◆ Home Study Packet if applicable

Stage #2 Paperwork Completion:

Upon receipt of your Preliminary Application and fee, Home At Last will initiate your Stage 2

- ◆ Adoption Disclosure Statement
- ◆ Agency Activation Agreement
- ◆ Formal Application for Adoption Service
or Home Study Application
- ◆ Fee Schedule Agreement
- ◆ Statement of Intent to Insure Adopted Child

Stage #3 Activation Packet:

Upon completion of Stage 2 Home At Last will initiate your stage 3

- ◆ Acknowledgement of Acceptance of Your Home Study
- ◆ Family Profile Submission
- ◆ Authorization to Release Family Profile to Appropriate Persons

Stage #4 Referral Packet :

- ◆ Receipt of a Child Referral
- ◆ Interviews with Birth Parents (optional)

Stage #5 Home At Last:

- ◆ Congratulations! Receive Your Child
- ◆ Post Placement Visits and Reports

HOME AT LAST ADOPTION AGENCY, INC.
DOMESTIC ADOPTION SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Application Fees

Preliminary Application Fee: \$250

Formal Application Fee: \$500, due once your preliminary application is approved.

Home Study \$1,900 plus travel time of \$50/trip, mileage @\$0.50/mile, and the following related expenses:

Local Brevard County background check @\$2 per name

Standard fingerprinting with FDLE @\$38.25 per adult in household

Electronic screening process (optional) \$27.25 per adult in household

The above Home Study remains current for one year from date of completion. After one year, an Updated Home Study is required (if placement has not occurred).

Home Study Update: \$900 plus travel time and mileage

Review of Current Home Study Completed by another Agency (Networking): \$70

Agency Fee

Agency Matched Adoption: \$19,000 (Special Needs Adoption at a reduced fee)

When a match is made with a child/birthmother and prospective adoptive parents, 50% of the above agency fees are due. The balance is paid when the child is placed with you.

Birthmother Expenses

Birthmother: reasonable living and medical expenses. Up to \$5,000

This amount, held in Escrow, is applied to the total birthmother expenses allowed by the court for housing, food, clothing, intake, counseling, transportation and medical expenses. This may and often does amount to more. We will notify you in advance. Our attorney will then petition the court for additional funding when and if needed.

Miscellaneous expenses:

These vary and include, but are not limited to, fees for obtaining records, express postage, Choose Life administrative fee, additional legal fees, counseling and case aide fee plus travel/mileage when working with the birthmother.

Interstate Compact Fee: \$1100

When either prospective adoptive parents or birthmothers reside in another state.

Interim Care: \$50/day

Necessary only if the child needs to be placed for a short time in Interim Care, due to a delay in the completion of all legalities. Additional expenses may be billed, based on the needs of the individual child.

Post placement visits: 2 visits are required at \$275 each plus travel time and mileage

Legal Fees: There are 2 phases to the legal process in adoption.

1. Termination of Parental Rights: Approximately \$1,905
2. Finalization: Cost is determined by your Attorney, but is usually around \$750

Fundraising Pledge: Tax-deductible donation to help fund operations of the non-profit Home At Last Adoption Agency. First donation to be agreed on and paid at time of adoption plus a five year pledge for annual donation.

Preliminary Application

Husband's name: _____ DOB: _____

Wife's name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Country) _____ (Zip) _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Husband's work (____) _____ Wife's work (____) _____

Mobile phone: Husband _____ Wife _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Marital Status: Married Widowed Divorced Single Other

Children/Ages _____

Your Home: (Apartment, Condo or House): _____

Prospective Adoptive Mother's Information

Employer _____ Age _____ Religion _____

Race _____ Education _____

Prospective Adoptive Father's Information

Employer _____ Position _____ Annual Salary _____

Age _____ Religion _____ Race _____

Education _____

How did you hear about Home At Last? _____

Do you have a completed home study? _____ If not, we will have a caseworker call to help you get started.

Adoption Preference: Domestic (U.S) Guatemala Another country (specify) _____

Newborn Older child (Age Preference _____) Special Needs Male Female Caucasian

Hispanic African-American Bi-Racial Other No Preference Undecided

We, the adoptive family, willingly submit the \$250.00 fee with this application. We acknowledge that this preliminary application fee is non-refundable. Please make your check payable to Home At Last Adoption Agency, Inc. and mail to the address above.

Signature (Husband) _____ **Date:** _____

Signature (Wife) _____ **Date:** _____

For credit card payments, complete the following information:

Credit Card: M/C VISA DISCOVER Amount submitted: \$ _____ Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Name on card: _____ Signature _____