

THE ADOPTION PROCESS

The following is a general overview of the stages involved with starting and completing an adoption with A Forever Bond, Inc. If you have any questions about the information listed below, please contact us and a staff member will assist you.

Stage#1 Initial Information:

- Preliminary Application
- Commonly Asked Questions
- Tax information and Financial Resources
- Domestic Adoption Services Fee Schedule
- Home Study Packet if applicable

Stage #2 Paperwork Completion:

Upon receipt of your Preliminary Application and fee, A Forever Bond, Inc. will initiate your Stage 2 paperwork including:

- 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 A Forever Bond, Inc. will initiate your stage 3 paperwork including:

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

Stage #4 Matching Process:

- Interviews with Birth Parents (optional)
- Receipt of a Birthmother Match Letter

Stage #5 Placement:

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

A FOREVER BOND, 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 @\$.55/mile, and the following related expenses:

Local Brevard County background check @\$2 per name

Electronic screening process \$50.00 per adult in household (paid to vendor)

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): \$200

Agency Fee

Agency Matched Adoption: \$21,000 (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.

Cost Deposit: \$2,500

Third party vendor costs for background checks, diligent searches, service of process fees, birth mother counseling, legal fees for Declaratory Petition (if applicable), filing and legal fees for Notice of Intended Adoption Plan.

Birthmother Expenses

Birthmother: reasonable living and medical expenses. \$5,000 - \$9,500

This amount, held in Escrow, is applied to the total birthmother expenses allowed by the court for housing, food, clothing, utilities, toiletries, transportation and medical expenses. This may and often does amount to more than \$5,000. 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, additional legal fees, counseling and case management fee plus travel/mileage when working with the birthmother.

Interstate Compact Fee: \$1500.00

When either the prospective adoptive parents or birthmother resides in another state.

(\$250.00 Additional fee applies to states needing a Legal Opinion Letter for ICPC approval)

Medicaid Application Fee: \$500.00

This fee covers the Medicaid application for the baby. Hospitals generally do not accept a birthmother's Medicaid/insurance when she has placed the baby for adoption. The time between the birth and the discharge from the hospital is then covered under the child's Medicaid if approved by the state. If Medicaid is not obtained, the adoptive family will be responsible for the child's medical expenses.

Interim Care: \$75/100 per 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: 3 visits are required at \$300 each plus travel time and mileage

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

1. Termination of Parental Rights: Approximately \$2,500
2. Finalization: Cost is determined by your Attorney, but is usually around \$1,500
3. Additional legal fees could be incurred if the birthmother or birthfather contests the adoption.

Guardianship/placements-Saturday or Sunday: \$300.00

If a guardianship/placement occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, an additional fee of \$300 will be charged to cover the cost and time of administrative and support staff and mileage.

****Fees subject to change******

****Adoptive Families will be responsible for the fees listed at the time they sign the contract for services which may be different than the fees listed in the initial information packet.*****

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The information submitted in this application will be held strictly confidential within the limits of state law.

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Application Received Date: _____ Check Enclosed: Yes / No

Approved for formal app: Yes _____ No _____ File number: _____

Social Worker assigned to case: _____ 03/18

Preliminary Application Form

Applicant #1: _____ Applicant #2: _____

Preferred Email: _____ Secondary Email: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

Address: _____
Mailing address (with apartment number) city/state/zip

Date and place of marriage (if applicable): _____

Please give year of previous marriages and divorces, if any:

Applicant #1: _____ Applicant #2: _____

Children: Age of birth children: _____ Age of adopted children: _____

	Applicant #1	Applicant #2
Full name (Last, First, Middle)		
Date of Birth		
Gender		
Age		
Race		
Religion		
Occupation		
Position		
Annual Salary		
Education Level		

How did you hear about us? _____

Have you started a home study? Yes No If so, what is the date of completion? ___/___/___

Home Study Provider Name and Phone Number: _____

I am/we are interested in adopting the following child (ren):

Newborn Older Child (Age Preference _____) Either

Are you open to adopting multiple children? Yes No Maybe

Are you open to adopting a special needs child? Yes No Maybe

Are you open to adopting a drug exposed baby? Yes No Maybe

I/We understand that we are submitting this Preliminary Application for the agency to assess whether A Forever Bond, Inc. can offer us adoptive services. I/we state that the information we have given is true and complete. **I/we understand the Preliminary Application fee of \$250 is non-refundable, and does not guarantee an offer of adoption services through A Forever Bond, Inc. nor does it guarantee the placement of a child.** Please make check payable to A Forever Bond, Inc.

Applicant #1 Signature

Date

Applicant #2 Signature

Date