



Adoption Cost Breakdown

Lifetime's Fee

Lifetime's one-time fee is \$24,000 for Bronze, or \$31,000 for Silver, or \$42,000 for Gold (program details attached). There are no other fees to Lifetime Adoption once you are in the program. Your fee is not based on a specific birth mom, so your fee and program remain secure if a birth mom decides to parent. We continue to pursue your successful adoption, adoptive parents are able to plan a budget in advance, and avoid a snowball effect in the cost of their adoption.

Lifetime's Payment Plan

Lifetime provides a two-part payment plan option for each program. With your first payment in place, you'll receive resources and assistance to create your physical profile, video, online profile, and digital profile. This is usually a time when families choose to complete the home study. At any time within six months of the first payment, you'll pay your remaining balance to become fully active in the program, so that we can present you to birth moms and work toward the match and completed, successful adoption. The payment plan offers adoptive families the option to spread out the payments and steps, moving forward at a pace that is comfortable for you. If you'd like to pay your balance early and become fully active and presented to birth moms at any time during the six months, you have the option to do so. For the Bronze level of service, \$9,500 is paid to begin the program and the balance of \$14,500 is paid within 6 months. For the Silver level of service, \$11,500 is paid to begin, and \$19,500 paid within six months. The Gold level of service is \$15,000 paid to begin, and \$27,000 paid within six months.

Estimated Adoption Costs outside of Lifetime's Services

Home Study

As Lifetime family, you'll receive a home study provider referral. In most states, the cost is between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Ask the home study provider about required classes and fees, as well as fees for post-placement visits with the Social Worker. We ask families to use a Licensed Child Placing agency for the Home Study, when available, since some birth mother states only accept agency Home Studies.

Legal Services

Once matched with a birthmother, Lifetime will guide you through your process to the placement, each step of the way. We'll make a referral to an adoption attorney (or could be an agency) to complete the legal work in your adoption. We see a range of \$8,000 - \$15,000 for legal work in typical cases. You will always need legal services in the birth mother's state. In some cases, legal services may also be needed within the adoptive family's state. Each state is unique, so that is why there is a range in the total cost for legal services.

(Please note, it has been Lifetime's experience that families adopting in or from these states: CA, CT, NV, NJ, OK, OR, RI, MA, need to budget 15-20 thousand for legal expenses).

Travel

Please note that the baby you adopt could be born in any state across the nation, and interstate adoptions are extremely common in our program. Travel times are usually 7-10 business days, awaiting clearance for the child to travel across state lines. The adoption attorney will obtain this clearance.

Birth Mother Expenses - Birth mother expenses are kept to a minimum here at Lifetime.

Average birth mother expenses are approximately \$5,000. In comparison with other adoption professionals, Lifetime is very conservative, and sees lower amounts of birth mother expenses in our adoptions. We ask birth mothers to apply for government services (medical, food, housing), and we can also send her food, clothing, and household items through our Birth Mother Blessings program (funded through Lifetime Adoption

Foundation (www.LifetimeFoundation.org). Typical living expenses allowed by most states can include insurance copays, help with rent or utilities, her cell phone bill or prepaid minutes, and transportation. These expenses are itemized, line by line. To distribute these expenses, you would send the funds to your attorney, who will then make payment directly where it is needed, on behalf of the birth mom. Not every birth mother needs this assistance. *Of course, we will abide by any state laws that provide structure or limitation for birth mom expenses.*

Questions

Your coordinator is happy to work with you one-on-one, to answer any questions about adoption cost, timing and budgeting. She can help you gain clarity and can share tips for funding your adoption that other families have used to successfully fund their adoptions. We are here to help you