

# Adoption Cost Summary LIFETIME ADOPTION FEE:



## Lifetime's one-time program fee is based on the service level chosen: Bronze: \$24,000 | Silver: \$31,000 | Gold: \$42,000

There are no additional fees to Lifetime once you are fully active in the program. This fee covers Lifetime's services and remains secure if a birth parent changes their mind, so that we may continue to work with you toward a match again.

### Lifetime's Payment Plan

A two-part payment plan is available:

- Bronze: \$9,500 to begin, with the remaining \$14,500 due within six months.
- Silver: \$11,500 to begin, with the remaining \$19,500 due within six months.
- Gold: \$15,000 to begin, with the remaining \$27,000 due within six months.

**Lifetime's 'My Adoption Blueprint' Plan:** A non-refundable payment of \$3,000 holds your spot in our program, locked in at the current program fee, and is applied to your total fee when you move forward at any time within the following twelve months. This option provides the flexibility to begin your adoption program when you are ready, receiving support, education, and personalized adoption finance coaching, along the way.

# ADDITIONAL COSTS (NOT INCLUDED IN LIFETIME'S FEE)

# HOME STUDY \$2,000-\$4,000

- A home study provider referral will be provided once you're a contracted Lifetime family.
- Costs vary by state and provider. We ask families to use a Licensed Child Placing Agency, when available since some birth parent states will only accept Agency assisted Home Studies.

# LEGAL SERVICES

- \$7,000-\$15,000
- You will need an attorney or adoption agency in the birth mother's state to handle the legal work once you are matched.
- Some states may also require additional legal services in the adoptive family's state. We will provide professional referrals.
- Each state is unique, in some states legal can be more.

# TRAVEL COSTS

Varies

- Families should plan for 7 to 10 business days (on average) of travel while waiting for legal clearance to bring the baby home.
- Costs will vary depending on area of travel, personal travel preferences, and distance to travel to where baby is born.

### PREGNANCY RELATED EXPENSES

#### \$5,000 AVERAGE

- Lifetime works to minimize these expenses by helping birth mothers apply for government aid and providing essential items through the <u>Birth Mother</u> <u>Blessings Program</u>.
- Common expenses include insurance co-pays, housing assistance, utilities, phone bills, and transportation.
- These costs are paid directly to service providers through your attorney or local adoption agency, ensuring transparency.
- Not all birth mothers require this assistance, and some may need more than the average. Your coordinator will work with you on setting your budget.



# **Total Estimated Costs**

In addition to the Lifetime Adoption Fee (\$24,000-\$42,000), families should budget an estimated \$14,000-\$24,000+ for external costs, depending on legal fees, travel, and pregnancy related expenses.