

What are Adoption By Gentle Care's requirements to adopt?

Minimum Requirements for Application

- The minimum age requirement of the agency is 21. We do not have a specified maximum age limit, but birth parent requests are considered in the matching process, and age may be a factor in their decision. It is also important to us to work with and on behalf of adoptive parents who are likely to adapt to the changing needs of a child.
- If a married couple is considering adoption, it is recommended they be married at least two (2) years at the time of the application.
- Gentle Care will be as flexible as possible in working with adoptive couples in order to accommodate any special needs of the child.
- Adoptive parents will be required to provide basic medical care for the child placed in their care including standard immunizations.
- Gentle Care believes that smoking in the home is a threat to the health of the child, and so we are unwilling to place a child in a home where either parent smokes.
- If both parents plan to continue working, a six (6) week leave after placement must be taken to care for the child. This responsibility may be taken by one (1) parent or shared by both parents.

What are the costs to adopt through Adoption by Gentle Care?

The average total cost to adopt ranges from \$21,000 to \$22,000. There are additional costs that can occur such as medical expenses and additional legal expenses for more challenging cases. However, we have found that 90% of our adoptions fall within the range listed above.

- Should you only require a portion of our services, such as only a home study, please see the insert titled "Fees for Individual Adoption Related Services" or "Pre-Arranged/Targeted Program."

What are the initial fees to join Adoption by Gentle Care?

Application Fee	\$ 150
Home Study	\$1,300
Home Study update fee	\$ 800
Home Study review fee	\$ 200
Note: this is only charged if Gentle Care does not complete your Home Study.	
Activation Fee	\$6,500
Profile fee	\$ 325

All initial fees are non-refundable.

What are the remaining fees?

Match fee	\$13,000
Medical fees when applicable	Varies
Legal fees	Varies
Living expenses	Varies

Special note: Should the birth mother change her mind, you are not responsible to pay any additional agency fees as they will be applied to your next adoption. As discussed previously, most adoptions average cost ranges between \$21,000 and \$22,000. Adoptions with medical bills and/or higher legal fees will range higher than \$22,000. You can set an adoption budget, but it must be a minimum of \$22,000.