

**America World - South Carolina
Social Service Fees**

The following is a list of Social Service Fees for a Domestic Adoption in the state of SOUTH CAROLINA. Social Service fees are payable online at www.awaa.org/forms/payment.aspx, or by check-mailed to the Corporate office. **Please be sure to clearly indicate what the payment is for.**

Home Study and Post Placement fees are required for all adoptions. Other fees listed below may be required depending upon family circumstances, agency/placement requirements, ICPC, and/or state requirements. The home study or update fee includes three original copies of the report. Additional copies will be charged the "Additional Document" fee listed below.

Domestic Home Study	Required assessment and preparation for a child to enter your family.		\$1,850	
Post Placement / Adoption Report	Required post placement reports that indicate the progress your child is making with your family.	One child (per visit)	\$350	
		Each additional child	\$125	
Domestic Home Study Update, Addendum, or Re-Evaluation	An update is required if anything about your original homestudy changes. In addition, a re-evaluation and update of your homestudy may be required every 12-18 months until a child is placed or the adoption is finalized in the U.S. court system. This would include if a family moved to another state or transfers from another agency.	These types of updates do not change the expiration date of your homestudy.	Level 1 Addendum - Minor change to current & valid homestudy	\$200
			Level 2 Addendum- Major change to current & valid homestudy	\$375
			Level 3 Addendum - Change to the homestudy that requires a meeting with the family	\$400
		These types of updates extend the expiration date of your homestudy.	Level 4 Update - State or ICPC required	\$500
			Level 5 Update - Family transfers to local AW office and has a homestudy that was completed by another AW office	\$950
			Level 6 Update - Family transfers to local AW office and has a homestudy that was completed by another agency	\$1,200
Additional Meeting	In certain instances it is necessary for AW to have an additional meeting with a family either before or after placement.	Additional meeting prior to placement	\$100-\$300	
		Additional Post Placement Meeting (no formal report)	\$250	
Domestic Court Finalization	Some states require that America World Adoption write a separate court report, attend court, or assist with the finalization of the domestic adoption in the circuit or family court.	Combined with Post Adoption visit	N/A	
		Not combined with Post Adoption visit	N/A	
ICPC / Additional Document(s) Fee	If the family takes placement of a child born outside the state where they reside, or the adoption is being finalized in a different state, the family must obtain permission from the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC). This fee covers the additional reports and/or documentation required from AWAA and for AWAA's coordination of ICPC approval.		\$50-\$500	
Expedite Fees	Families are subject to expedite fees anytime they request a report or document be rushed or if AWAA must rush a report in order to meet a deadline. AWAA may determine that an expedite fee is necessary if the family has not maintained a current and valid homestudy or communicated to the social services staff about an impending match. If reasonable notice has not been given, it is the responsibility of the family to pay the expedite fees.	Home Study	\$300-\$500	
		Home Study Update / Re-Evaluation	\$250-\$400	
		Post Placement/Adoption Report & Addendum	\$100-\$200	
		Additional Document (per document)	\$100-\$200	
Social Service Only Administrative Fee	Families that use another entity for placement/matching, such as a placement agency, adoption consultants, a private attorney, or adoption facilitator, will be charged an administrative fee to facilitate the additional services required to collaborate with another service provider and meet the requirements of this outside entity.		\$200-\$500	
Travel Fees	Mileage/Travel Fee Based on the IRS Standard Business Mileage Rate: https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates If travel time for a meeting is two hours or more round trip, the family will be charged \$15 per hour in addition to a mileage fee. If an overnight stay is required, there will be an additional Hotel/Meal expense fee of \$100-\$200 to cover the cost of a required overnight stay and the associated meals for the Home Study Coordinator.			