

**The Barker Adoption Foundation**  
**Schedule of Fees and Estimated Expenses**  
**For Home Study/Post-Placement Services (Local Services)**  
**(Effective 12-01-2022)**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Barker Adoption Foundation is a private, non-profit licensed child-placing agency. Our international adoption programs are financed entirely through adoption fees and donations, without any private or public subsidy. The Barker Adoption Foundation does not use clients' adoption fees to fund special services, such as cultural programs or Homeland Tours. The Barker Adoption Foundation's International Adoption services and associated fees are included in the tables below, which serve as a fee agreement between The Barker Adoption Foundation and the adopting parent(s) named above.

Adoptive families are responsible for paying their placement agency directly, all applicable fees. The Barker Adoption Foundation is not responsible for the collection and payment of fees for the placement. Please note that direct service fees for The Barker Adoption Foundation may be paid by PayPal or credit card.

\* All applicable fees must be paid at the times indicated on this agreement.

<b>SERVICES OFFERED</b>	<b>ASSOCIATED FEE</b>
Application Fee (includes the work of Barker's Application Review Committee)	\$550
Pre-Adoption Training: National Training and Development Curriculum (NTDC)** **Training may be adjusted based on requirements of Placing Agency.	\$450/couple; \$250/single
Intake Interview: Application interviews with intake and international program staff. (Fee due at selection of intake appointment date, and prior to appointment confirmation*)	\$350
Phase I: Counseling, evaluation, and administrative support during the home study paperwork process (Fee due after intake meeting is complete, and application has been approved*)	\$1,500
Technology Fee (My Adoption Portal)	\$250

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<p>Phase II:</p> <p>Home study meetings with social workers, preparation of adoption home study document; Waiting Parents' Support Meetings; ongoing support from Barker Foundation staff, including coordination with placement agency staff (Fee due at time of home study commencement*)</p> <p>Home Study Mileage &amp; Travel Fee (<b>only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from Barker's Bethesda office</b>) (Fee due at time of home study commencement*)</p>	<p>\$1,000</p> <p>See mileage addendum</p>
<p>Pre-Placement Visit: (VA families only)</p> <p>The pre-placement visit will occur after referral but prior to the child being placed in the home or in accordance with State requirements. <i>(96.40(b)(2))</i></p>	<p>\$350</p>
<p>Phase III:</p> <p>Three post-placement visits and associated reports. The country of origin, court, or agency may require additional reports. The fee for each additional post-placement report is \$350 (Fee due at referral acceptance*).</p> <p>Post Placement Mileage &amp; Travel Fee (<b>only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from Barker's Bethesda office</b>) (Fee due at Referral Acceptance*)</p>	<p>\$1,500</p> <p>See mileage addendum</p>
<p>Report of Investigation (ROI): (When Applicable, Virginia families only)</p> <p>Courts in Virginia require reports prepared by Barker at the time of re-adoption should the family decide to pursue it. (Fee due at the commencement of the court report*)</p>	<p>\$300</p>
<p>Home study update: The home study is updated as necessary in accordance with the Placement agency, State and USCIS requirements. (Fee due prior to home study update commencement*)</p>	<p>\$575/update</p>

### Additional Third Party Fees paid through Barker

SERVICE	FEE
State and Federal background checks, Police clearances, child protection reports, Department of Motor Vehicle reports and housing inspections	Vary by State and County and range from \$10-\$70 per person per clearance
CAIRS My Adoption Portal Fee	\$250
Web-based Pre-Adoption Training	\$200-600 based on Barker's current requirements.

If you are completing an intercountry adoption and Barker is acting as your primary provider, please review your country specific fee schedule. If you are only completing a home study, post-placement or post-adoption services with Barker and using a primary provider other than Barker, please consult that provider for specific fees<sup>1</sup> as fees may vary depending on the primary provider and the country program selected.

Additionally, The Barker Adoption Foundation does not customarily charge additional fees and expenses beyond those disclosed in this contract. In the event that unforeseen additional fees and expenses are incurred in the foreign country, the Agency charges such additional fees and expenses only under the following conditions:

(a) the fees and expenses are disclosed in writing to the prospective adopting parent(s);

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<sup>1</sup> **Fees in Intercountry Adoption** – Other than the home study and post-adoption or post-placement reports as outlined herein, the fees below vary in an intercountry adoption and depend on the country program and primary provider.

- **Home study.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for home study preparation and approval, whether the home study is to be prepared directly by the agency or person itself, or prepared by a supervised provider, exempted provider, or approved person and approved as required under § 96.47.
- **Adoption expenses in the United States.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for all adoption services other than the home study that will be provided in the United States. This category includes, but is not limited to, personnel costs, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education, communications and publications costs, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the United States;
- **Foreign country program expenses.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for all adoption services that will be provided in the child's country of origin. This category includes, but is not limited to, costs for personnel, administrative overhead, training, education, legal services, and communications, and any other costs related to providing adoption services the child's country of origin;
- **Care of the child.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses charged to prospective adoptive parent(s) for the care of the child in the country of origin prior to adoption, including, but not limited to, costs for food, clothing, shelter and medical care; foster care services; orphanage care; and any other services provided directly to the child;
- **Translation and document expenses.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for obtaining any necessary documents and for any translation of documents related to the adoption, along with information on whether the prospective adoptive parent(s) will be expected to pay such costs directly or to third parties, either in the United States or in the child's country of origin, or through the agency or person. This category includes, but is not limited to, costs for obtaining, translating, or copying records or documents required to complete the adoption, costs for the child's court documents, passport, adoption certificate and other documents related to the adoption, and costs for notarizations and certifications;
- **Contributions.** Any fixed contribution amount or percentage that the prospective adoptive parent(s) will be expected or required to make to child protection or child welfare service programs in the child's country of origin country or in the United States, along with an explanation of the intended use of the contribution and the manner in which the transaction will be recorded and accounted for; and
- **Post-placement and post-adoption reports.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for any post-placement or post-adoption reports that the agency or person or parent(s) must prepare in light of any requirements of the expected country of origin.
- **Third party fees.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for services that the prospective adoptive parent(s) will be responsible to pay directly to a third party. Such third party fees include, but are not limited to, fees to competent authorities for services rendered or Central Authority processing fees; and
- **Travel and accommodation expenses.** The expected total fees and estimated expenses for any travel, transportation, and accommodation services arranged by the agency or person for the prospective adoptive parent(s).

- (b) specific consent of the prospective adopting parent(s) is obtained before expending any funds in excess of \$1000 for which the agency will hold the prospective adopting parent(s) responsible; and
- (c) Written receipts are provided to the prospective adopting parent(s) for fees and expenses paid directly by the Agency to the intercountry program.

The family will also be responsible for all fees due to their placement agency. Those fees are to be determined by the placement agency.

### **Refund Policy**

Barker has established a fee structure permitting applicants to pay agency fees in phases over the course of the adoption process. Because Barker's work with applicants is ongoing, and because applicants pay fees as services are rendered, fees cannot be refunded for services already rendered. Any returns should be on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of Barker.

The refunding of international fees varies by country. Although Barker will make a diligent effort to obtain refunds of any international fees paid to a foreign authority/service provider/contractor, it cannot guarantee a refund. If applicants withdraw from the adoption process for any reason, or if the adoption fails for any reason, Barker cannot guarantee the return of any portion of the international fees. If fees are returned, Barker will approve the refund decision and return the fees to the applicants within sixty days.

### **Information Disclosure**

If a family fails to properly disclose information, misrepresents material on the application or during the home study process, or in any way places the agency and its interests at risk, The Barker Adoption Foundation reserves the right to terminate the adoption process without providing any refund. The Executive Director or the International Program Director retain the right to assess individual cases and determine refunds for atypical cases.

I/we, the undersigned, have read and understand the above fee schedule. I/we understand that The Barker Adoption Foundation reserves the right to terminate, without liability or obligation, its consideration of an applicant at any point before the child(ren)'s entering the family's custody. The Barker fees set forth in this agreement will not change during the course of this adoption, unless additional requirements are placed on the Barker Adoption Foundation by virtue of us moving to, and needing to comply with, the requirements of another jurisdiction or, if additional requirements are placed on the Barker Adoption Foundation by the sending country, state, attorney or placement agency. This may include, but will not be limited to, a request for additional home visits or reports. Fees are due for all services rendered, regardless of whether a child is placed and regardless of who terminates the process.

This agreement does not supersede the terms of the Adoption Services Contract which remains in full force and effect.

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Adoptive Parent Signature

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Barker Representative Signature

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## **Mileage Fee Addendum** **The Barker Adoption Foundation**

### **Understanding Mileage Fees**

Please see the following chart for a detailed overview of mileage fees charged for in-home visits. No mileage fees are charged for families that live within 50 miles of the Barker office in your State of residence. Families outside of this range agree to pay the following fees for each in-home visit throughout the home study and post placement period.

Families who live more than 50 miles away from the Barker office will be expected to meet with their social worker in the office whenever permissible by licensing, accreditation, or country guidelines. There will be no mileage fee charged for meetings held at the office. Fees outlined below are charged per in-home visit and must be paid prior to the confirmation of the visit. Estimated number of visits may vary based on the assessment needs of each family and are meant to be an estimate only.

Distance from BAF Office	Fee Per Home Visit
0 – 50 miles (one way)	\$0
51 – 100 miles (one way)	\$175
101 – 150 miles (one way)	\$375, plus \$175 lodging/expense fee for cases where an overnight stay for the social worker is required.
151+ miles (one way) (These cases are only accepted in extremely extenuating circumstances as they often require extended hours of driving by the assigned social worker & an overnight stay w/ each home visit)	\$475, plus current federal reimbursement rate for every mile driven over 300 miles round trip), and \$175 lodging/expense fee for cases where an overnight stay for the social worker is required.

### **Estimated In-Home Visits by Program**

Program Name	Estimated # of In-Home Home Study & Update Visits	Estimated # of In-Home Post Placement Visits
Domestic Infant Program	1 minimum	Minimum of 3. *Additional may be needed for finalization based on placing state requirements.
Project Wait No Longer	1 minimum	Average of 6-12
HSPPS*	1 minimum, additional may be needed based on country requirements.	3 minimum *Additional may be needed based on country requirements.
Korea	2 minimum	6 minimum
India	1 minimum	7 minimum

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Signature below indicates that we have reviewed the above information and understand and agree to the mileage fees as detailed on our fee agreement.

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Adoptive Parent Signature

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Adoptive Parent Signature

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