



Thank you for your interest in the ministry of The LIGHT House. The LIGHT House is a Christian adoption agency dedicated to placing infants with families who are committed Christians and are actively involved in a pro-life church. The agency is a licensed child-placing agency in Missouri and operates under the adoption laws in that state.

The enclosed application materials will help provide the necessary information for us to determine preliminary eligibility. Please carefully answer all questions in detail and sign the Statement of Policy before a Notary Public. A \$250 processing fee must be returned with your completed application. Checks are payable to: The LIGHT House, Inc. **Please note that this is a non-refundable fee and does not guarantee acceptance to the Light House Program.**

The minimum requirements for adopting a child through The LIGHT House are as follows:

1. Both husband and wife pro-life Christians who are active members in their church.
2. Both husband and wife must be at least 25 years of age at the time of the initial application.*
3. You must be married at least three years. If either spouse has been previously married, you must have been in your current marriage for at least five years.

*While there is no upper age limit to adopt through the Light House, please contact us prior to applying if you are 50 or older to discuss restrictions you may face.

At the time that the Initial Adoption Application is submitted, please include a signed and dated letter from your pastor stating that you as a couple are active members of a pro-life church. Your pastor should also include their recommendation for you as an adoptive couple. This letter is necessary in order to process the Adoption Application. If you have a Home Study, please send with your Initial Adoption Application. Please note that Home Studies not conducted by the Light House are approved or denied on a case by case basis. Having a Home Study does not guarantee acceptance to the Light House program. The Light House reserves the right to make this determination.

Once your Initial Adoption Application has been received and approved by the review board, you will be contacted by the Adoption Manager. The next step will be to complete a Home Study. If you already have a Home Study that has been approved by the review board, you will be placed on the Active Waiting List. If you do not have a Home Study, the Adoption Manager will discuss this process with you.

Thank you again for your interest and prayerful support for The LIGHT House, Inc. programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Dawn Shipman
Adoption Manager
816-361-2233

LIGHT HOUSE FEE SCHEDULE

Type	Amount	Time Due
Application Fee	\$250	At the time of application.
Home Study Fee	\$1,200	Only Applicable if Light House performs the Home Study. Fee due before the 1 st Interview.
Agency Adoption Fee	\$14,000	At the time of placement.
Post Placement Supervision	\$150	Upon completion of Post-Placement report(s).
ICPC	\$500	At time of placement (if applicable).

Mileage beyond 50 miles will be charged at the IRS allowable rate for both the Home Study and Post Placement Visits.

Dawn Shipman
dawn@lighthouse-inc.org
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PLEASE NOTE:

All Fees are non-refundable. Legal, Medical, Travel, Pre-Adoptive Care of the Child, and/or Birth Mother Expenses are **not** covered by the Agency Adoption Fee.

Adoption Application

The LIGHT House, Inc.
P.O. Box 22553, Kansas City, MO 64113 (816) 361-2233 x203

APPLICANTS	Name (Last, First)	Age	DOB	Race
Husband	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wife	_____	_____	_____	_____
Address	_____		County	_____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone (Husband) _____ Work Phone (Wife) _____

E-mail Addresses _____

MARRIAGE

Date of Marriage: _____

Previous Marriages	Husband	Wife
Dates:	_____	_____
Date Divorced/ Widowed:	_____	_____

CHILDREN

Number of children from:
Present Marriage: _____ Ages: _____

Previous Marriage: _____ Ages: _____

Are any adopted: _____

OCCUPATION	Company	Position	
Husband	_____	_____	Salary _____/year
Wife	_____	_____	Salary _____/year

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Church _____ Denomination _____

Activities/ positions held within your church _____

Frequency of church attendance _____

BACKGROUND

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (Husband) _____ (Wife) _____

If so, please describe: _____

HOME STUDY

Do you have a current Adoptive Home Study? _____

Name & address of agency:

REFERRAL

How did you hear about the LIGHT House? _____

HEALTH

Husband's Health _____

Do you smoke? _____ Do you consume alcohol? _____

If so, please briefly describe:

Wife's Health _____

Do you smoke? _____ Do you consume alcohol? _____

If so, please briefly describe: _____

Are you able to have biological children? _____

If not, please explain: _____

TYPE OF ADOPTION DESIRED

Please specify which of the following you would accept with an **X**.

_____ Open _____ Semi-Open _____ Closed

TYPE OF CHILD DESIRED

Specific Age Range: Birth to _____ Race preferred: _____

Please specify which of the following you would accept with an **X**.

___ Twins	___ Caucasian	___ African American/Caucasian
___ Sibling Group	___ Hispanic	___ Asian/Caucasian
	___ American Indian	___ Hispanic/Caucasian
___ Male	___ Asian	___ American Indian/Caucasian
___ Female	___ African American	___ Other: _____

(Please specify)

HUSBAND’S SIGNATURE DATE WIFE’S SIGNATURE DATE

***Please attach a brief summary regarding your marriage and motivations to adopt a child.**

***Please attach a statement from your pastor acknowledging that you are active members in a pro-life church and a recommendation of you as adoptive parents.**

***Return the completed application, application fee (\$250), and additional attachments to:**

**Attention: Dawn
LIGHT HOUSE, Inc.
P.O. Box 22553
Kansas City, MO 64113**

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POTENTIAL ADOPTIVE PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

(Both husband and wife must submit separate forms.)

Your Name: _____

The LIGHT House maintains a responsibility in selecting adoptive families that will meet a child's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Your answers to the following questions are designed to help us fulfill the spiritual aspects of this responsibility.

1. Briefly describe your faith journey. How has your life changed throughout the journey?

2. How is your faith expressed and celebrated in your family?

3. What role would you play in your child's faith development? What concrete steps would you plan to take to transmit your Christian faith to him/her?

4. In what ways do you represent Christ in your home? At work? In your social life? At church?

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The LIGHT House Belief Statement

We believe each person, born and unborn, is created in the image and likeness of God, but because of sin was alienated from God. Despite that alienation, each person is sacred in the eyes of God and therefore called to salvation and eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born to the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, He descended into Hades, the third day rose from the dead, He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

We believe that the Bible is God's written revelation to man and that it is verbally inspired, authoritative and without errors in the original manuscripts.

We believe in holy Christian living, and that we must have concern for the hurts and social needs of our fellow men.

We believe we are to use every means possible to bring the salvation message to women and families in crisis pregnancies. We believe the power of the Holy Spirit will assist them to be better parents, spouses and productive members of society.

We individually and collectively affirm and adhere to the above Belief statement.

Signature/Date

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Statement of Policy

We understand the LIGHT House shall have sole discretion in accepting applicants for adoptive placement. We understand the return of this application to the LIGHT House does in no way guarantee the placement of a child in our home.

We understand we are responsible for the prompt payment of all fees involved in accordance with the procedures set down by the LIGHT House. We understand these fees may be subject to change, and that we will be promptly notified of any such fee changes in writing. At that time, we shall be given the options of agreeing to the increase or withdrawing our application.

We understand we are responsible for having a Child Abuse and Neglect Screening conducted in compliance with our State or Local Investigation Unit.

We understand we will be responsible for notifying the LIGHT House of any changes in our address, employment status, etc., during the adoption process.

We also understand we will be responsible for notifying the LIGHT House if we conceive, or have the possibility of placement of a child from another source during the adoption process. We understand failure to make this notification may result in the permanent closure of our adoption application and file.

We have carefully and completely read this statement and do hereby agree with the terms stated herein. The information we have provided is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand any and all responses are subject to verification.

Husband's Signature

Wife's Signature

**SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO ME BEFORE THIS _____ DAY
OF _____, 20__.**

My Commission Expires

Notary Public, State of