

## **An Eggceptional Match – Prospective Parent – Donor Egg Program Information Packet**

### **Welcome**

An Eggceptional Match would like to take a moment to thank you for considering our agency and trusting our expertise with your family planning. We pride ourselves on being owned and operated by a fertility nurse with firsthand experience in the area of assisted reproduction. We are not only able to offer you some of the most qualified candidates for egg donation, but also the medical knowledge to reassure you of the decisions you are making before and throughout your journey.

We realize the decision to use an egg donor is not easy. At AEM we are here to help the process run as efficiently and stress-free as possible. Whether this is your first time or your fifth attempt at egg donation, we promise to help you navigate each step throughout the experience to increase your chances of success along the way.

### **About Our Donors**

Our donors are all carefully screened and range between the ages of 19 and 33 years old. Additionally, they are all non-tobacco users with a clean health history.

Once you have chosen a donor, our professional medical staff will council your chosen candidate on the time commitment, personal accountability and the level of reliability expected from them prior to proceeding to the preliminary medical screening. Furthermore, your candidate will be fully advised of all the medical interventions, injections, and procedures they will undergo on your behalf.

First time donors are compensated \$5,000 for their time and effort. A "proven" or "exceptional status" donor may request a higher compensation.

*I am a donor with AEM and have been for 2 and half years. AEM is an amazing agency and my donations with them have been an amazing experience for me. Angela is a wonderful person who has dedicated her life to her work and her clients. She has helped me with each of my donations and has paired me with some outstanding people. Angela is honest, thoughtful, and devoted. She has helped to coordinate each donation to allow me the least amount of stress during the process and has always looked out for my best interest. I could not have wished for a better person to help me through all of the processes associated with one of the most unbelievable experiences in my life. Angela is an exceptional person and AEM is an incredible agency.*

- Arizona Donor

*I just wanted to say it has truly been a pleasure to work with you. I sincerely appreciate you answering all my questions in a timely manner and keeping me in the loop on everything. I have not had this same experience previously....so thank you!!!!*

- Washington Donor

*You have been a dream to work with!! I will definitely miss working with you! I tell everyone if they are going to be donating eggs, to go through you. Just let it be known how much you touch each and every person's life.*

- Colorado Donor

## **Our Commitment**

Our commitment, for each and every prospective family we work with includes:

1. Recruitment of qualified egg donor candidates for you to choose from.
  1. Work diligently to find a candidate for the planning of your family in our available network of databases.
  2. Maintain open and honest communication regarding donor availability.
  3. Coordinate all travel arrangements for out of state donations.
  4. Save funds on all aspects of the donation process such as donor fees, travel fees, etc., when possible.
  5. Establish and manage an escrow account to make all monetary transactions run smoothly and transparently.
  6. Refer you to the most qualified fertility clinics, legal counsel and psychologists in the industry.
  7. Secure supplemental insurance for you and your donor.
  8. Offer medical guidance during all procedures and provide communication between parties.
  9. Provide dependable and reliable customer service until you are satisfied with the outcome of your cycle.

## **The Process**

### **Step One: Complete The Online Questionnaire**

Prospective parents are asked to complete a "Recipient Questionnaire" along with providing 1-2 photos of themselves. Personal files and photos are for the private use of AEM with the intention of matching candidates with prospective parents and will not be shared with any third parties.

### **Step Two: Choosing a Donor Candidate**

After choosing a donor candidate, a non-refundable but transferrable \$500 retainer will place the candidate on "hold." AEM will submit the candidate's profile and medical records to the prospective parent's fertility clinic for the preliminary clinical approval.

### **Step Three: Donor Approval and Payment**

Following your donor candidate's preliminary clinical approval, the agency agreement must be executed and the \*non-refundable coordination fee of \$5,800 must be satisfied in full prior to proceeding.

\*The coordination fee is a transferable, non-refundable fee.

#### **Step Four: Donor Testing & Evaluations**

The fertility clinic will now need to perform blood work and an ultrasound on your donor candidate during days 2-4 of her menses (period). The clinic will be testing for hormone levels within normal range of FSH (follicle stimulating hormone), Estradiol and AMH (anti-mullerian hormone), (testing requirements will vary from each clinic). Some clinics may also require an ultrasound to be performed to determine antra-follicle count (resting follicles). All of these tests will help determine ovarian quality and reserve of your donor candidate.

A licensed social worker or psychologist will screen your donor candidate by performing a face to face interview and written MMPI (Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory) test

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota\\_Multiphasic\\_Personality\\_Inventory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Multiphasic_Personality_Inventory). You may use the psychologist at your clinic or we are happy to refer one to you. As prospective parents, you are also required to pass a psychological evaluation. Documentation of your evaluation will need to be submitted to AEM prior to proceeding, confirmation can be emailed upon completion by your clinic.

Once your donor passes her psychological screening, she will now undergo drug and communicable disease screening with your fertility clinic before she is allowed to begin the process.

#### **Step Five: Legal Contracts**

Legal contracts will be originated by attorneys within the AEM referral network. AEM will coordinate legal counsel for the egg donor on behalf of the prospective parents. If the prospective parents use legal counsel outside the AEM referral network please note that flat fee quotes would not apply. The prospective parents reserve the right to waive legal counsel or seek alternative representation on their own behalf. Please note that legal counsel must specialize in reproductive law and be licensed to practice law in the state that you will be working in. **AEM encourages all parties to seek legal representation.**

You should also be counseled by your fertility clinic at this point about genetic screening for any inherited diseases that could occur with her particular ethnicity; these could include but are not limited to Cystic Fibrosis, Tay-Sachs, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Anemia, Fragile X and Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

#### **Step Six: Synchronize Menses**

After clinical donor acceptance, your clinic will synchronize your menses with your egg donor, typically by administering birth control pills.

Your cycle has now officially begun.

#### **Fees & Payment Schedule**

- **Profile Viewing:** no charge
  
- **Agency Retainer:** \$500 non-refundable/transferable:
  - Contact donor to begin coordination
  - Transfer donor profile and applicable medical records to clinic
  - Schedule Donor's initial medical testing with Intended Parent(s)' clinic
  - Follow up with test results for Intended Parent(s)
  - Please note: Out-of-state travel for initial testing not included in Agency Retainer
  
- **Coordination Fee:** \$5800: (due upon clinic approval of selected donor)
  - Recruitment and advertising of qualified egg donors
  - Management of egg donors and online database
  - Assist with appointment scheduling for egg donor
  - Psychological interview and MMPI testing
  - Coordination of cycle with attorneys and clinic
  - Travel coordination for donor and companion
  - Transportation for donor to and from egg retrieval
  - Coordinate remote monitoring of cycle with out-of-state clinics
  - Egg Donor Recipient Supplemental Medical/Accident/Life Insurance
  - Insurance processing and approval
  - Escrow Management
  - Emergency on-call nurse
  - Records management and archival
  - Office and administrative expenses
  - International Client Fee of \$500 applies to all clients residing outside the continental U.S. (plus international exchange expenses incurred by agency)
  
- **Legal Fees:** \$700-\$1800
  - Drafting and execution of Intended Parent/Egg Donor Contract
  - Egg donor/Intended Parent legal counseling and advisement
  
- **Donor Compensation:** \$5000-\$10,000 (plus expenses)
  - AEM is a member of The American Society for Reproductive Medicine and adheres to all guidelines and recommendations for donor compensation.
  - Missed wages, travel expenses, communication expenses, gasoline and childcare are all reimbursable to donor outside of compensation.
  
- **Clinical Fees:** **Insert Partners Here For Pricing**
  - Any, and all, medical and pharmaceutical expenses incurred are the responsibility of the clinic selected by Intended Parent(s).
  
- **Donor and Companion Travel Fees:** \$3500-\$6000
  - Distance of travel and length of stay will affect fees.
  - Prospective parents are responsible for donor and companion airfare, all ground

transportation, tips, parking, tolls, lodging, phone/Internet expenses, food per diem (varies by location) and remote monitoring fees.

### **AEM Refund Policy**

In the event a donor is denied after initial day 3 testing by Intended Parent(s) clinic, all coordination fees will be transferred to a new donor, or refunded to Intended Parent(s) within 4-6 weeks, less a \$1,000 non-refundable administrative fee.

All fees are subject to change without notice.

Forms of payment: Bank Wire, Money Order, Checks, Visa & MasterCard

### **Attorney Fees**

- Original draft for prospective parents: \$850 Flat Fee (conditions apply)
- Revisions and finalizations for donor: \$850 Flat Fee (conditions apply)

Please Note:

Fees by preferred partners are exclusive to AEM

Prospective parents may choose their own representation specializing in reproductive law.

Prospective parents are responsible for covering the egg donor legal fees.

Prospective parents who work in the legal field may not represent themselves but may waive counsel (against our recommendation) as stated above. A \$1000 flat fee will be due for drafting, revising and representing the donor.

### **Psychological Screening Fees**

- Fee: \$425-\$575
- Some clinics prefer to use their own psychologist; in this case, prospective parents would be responsible for the clinical rates and any one-day trip travel expenses.

### **Donor Medical Screening and Monitoring Costs**

- Medical Screening
  - Fees: (Varies by clinic)

- These fees may not apply if your donor's screenings are up to date and up to your fertility clinic's protocol. Most clinics will allow up to one year on some tests, most will only allow 6 months before they require repeat testing.
- Ultrasound and blood work monitoring
  - Fees: (Varies by clinic)
  - An average stimulation cycle is 10 days; younger donors could stimulate for only 6 days.
  - Some clinics allow third party monitoring near the donor's home in an effort to minimize travel time and expenses.

### Donor Travel Expenses

- Your donor is to be compensated for the following:
  - Missed wages (proof is required)
  - Child care expenses (proof is required)
  - Airfare for donor and travel companion
  - Hotel for donor and companion
  - Ground transportation
  - Food per diem (based on region)
  - Tips, tolls and parking fees
  - Reimbursements on medications (birth control pills, pain meds, etc.)
  - Faxing, copies, postage, etc.
  - Note: Fees will vary from state to state, AEM strives to accommodate the needs of the donor while negotiating lower costs on behalf of the prospective parents.
  - Out of state donor travel costs can range from \$3500-\$6000 depending on the donor's proximity to your clinic.
- *Disclaimer:* An Eggceptional Match, LLC can only make rough estimates in this fee schedule. Fees will vary clinic to clinic and state to state. All fees are subject to change without prior notice.

### **Donor Supplemental Insurance**

- Fee: N/A (Included in the agency fee)
- Coverage Inclusions for complications only
  - \$250,000 Medical Expense Coverage
  - \$100,000 Accidental Death
- Coverage Period is 4 months from policy effective date
- No Deductible
- Policy is primary

## Blood Typing

Having the same blood type is not necessary for matching, but if it is important to you for personal reasons, the following will help explain the inheritance pattern of blood typing:

### ABO Possibilities

If the couple's types are:	The children's could be:	
	Possible	Not Possible
O and O	O	A, B or AB
O and A	O or A	B or AB
O and B	O or B	A or AB
O and AB	A or B	O or AB
A and A	O or A	B or AB
A and B	O,A,B or AB	None
A and AB	A,B, or AB	O
B and B	O or B	A or AB
B and AB	A,B or AB	O
AB and AB	A,B,or AB	O

**If you wish to choose a donor to match your husband's or partner's:**

If the couple's blood types are:	The donor's type may be:
A and A	A or O
A and B	A, B or O

A and O	A or O
B and B	B or O
B and O	B or O
O and O	Must be O

<b>The wife is AB and the husband is:</b>	<b>The donor may be:</b>
A	Any type
B	Any type
O	Must be O
AB	Any type

<b>If the husband is AB and the wife is:</b>	<b>The donor should be:</b>
A	AB but not O*
B	AB but not O*
O	Must be O
AB	Any type

**Note:** A or B could be used, but if the donor and the wife both contribute the gene for O, the child could be O. This would be an impossible outcome for husband and wife. Two Rh+ parents can have an Rh- child, although two Rh- parents cannot have an Rh+ child.