

## Explanation of Non-CCAI Bulgaria Adoption Expenses For Families in Colorado

1. The State of Colorado requires that all adoptive families undergo a Child Abuse Record search at a cost of **\$35** for two adults. Families complete and submit the State of Colorado “Background Inquiry Form” to CCAI with their Application for Adoption.
2. Lutheran Family Services is the Colorado Department of Human Services contractor who must approve all Colorado home studies before they are sent to the USCIS. They charge **\$250** for this required review.
3. The IAAME (Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity) is the newly authorized accrediting entity. They charge **\$500** per approved application where CCAI agrees to serve as the primary provider. (This fee is charged on a per child basis, if a family is adopting more than one child, IAAME will collect an additional **\$500** per child at the time of referral.)
4. The USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) charges **\$775** at the time that you file the I-800A. Each person 18 years old or older in the household must be fingerprinted. **\$85** for each person to be fingerprinted should be included in the initial USCIS check. The USCIS approval is valid for 15 months.
5. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state charges for issuing birth and marriage certificates and for document certification. The cost of document notarization may also vary depending on the notary. CCAI notarizes documents for Colorado families at no charge. The **\$360** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.

\*\* The cost of your home study is included in CCAI's First Agency Fee. \*\*
6. The in-country processing fee ranges from **\*\* €6600 to €8000** for 1 child (plus up to 3 wire fees of \$40 each).
  - a) If there is more than one child, adopters pay from **€500 to €2600** for services provided for each additional child's adoption case
  - b) Fees are paid in 3 payments – at Dossier submission, Referral Acceptance, and after Adoption finalization.
    - Note: If adopting a waiting child, the payment schedule may differ.

### The legal fees include:

- Welcome at airport – a member of the Bulgarian team welcomes adopters at airport when they arrive the first time
- Transfer – airport – apartment – airport on the first trip
- Assistance to choose the hotel to stay
- Translation services in region
- Preparation of all legal documents for the Ministry of Justice and Court
- Preparation of petition at court
- Representation at court
- Trip to orphanage/foster home to pick up the child
- Taxes and other expenses concerning submission of petition in the court
- Translation of all Bulgarian documents required to submit with the I800 petition in the US
- Preparation of documents and assistance filing for US Immigration Visa
- Translation of the final decision, new birth certificate and other court decision required for US Immigration Visa
- Expenses for the new birth certificate
- Expenses for the new passport
- Final decision
- New birth certificate
- Legal advice, counseling, coordination

7. Your travel to Bulgaria will require two separate trips. The first trip requires both adoptive parents to travel and remain in Bulgaria 7 days. The second trip is about 10 days. The cost for travel will vary based on the number of travelers on each trip and the length of time you are in Bulgaria. US Domestic & International airfare for two adults is approximately **\$800- \$1,500 per person**. The rates per night stay in an apartment will range from \$100 - \$125/night. The cost per week stay is approximately **\$700 - \$875**. Your stay in Bulgaria over the two trips is approximately 2- 3 weeks.

8. In country transportation fees will be approximately **\$300 – \$600**, depending on the location of your child's orphanage.
9. Bulgaria may require updated FBI and Medicals prior to adoption finalization, this cost will vary.
10. The US Consulate requires that children have physicals performed prior to their exit interview. **\$190** covers the cost of this exam.
11. Your child's visa to enter the U.S. will cost **\$325** and will be issued by the U.S. Consulate in Sofia, Bulgaria.
12. The adoption will need to be validated after you return to Colorado at a cost of **\$167** through your local county court.
13. Your child will need a birth certificate issued by the State of Colorado. The cost is **\$37.75**.

\*\* Fees listed are in Euros. Total Service Fee in USD is estimated at: \$7580 - \$9191 (Including wire fees) depending on fee reductions and exchange rate for Euros. Fees for additional children range from approximately \$575 to \$2955 USD, depending on market exchange rates at time of adoption.

USD estimate listed is based on current exchange rate as of January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022