

Explanation of Non-CCAI Adoption Expenses

1. IAAME (Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity) is designated by the Department of State to accredit agencies for the purpose of providing intercountry adoption services in the United States. The accrediting entity charges \$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.)
2. The USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) charges **\$775** at the time that you file the I-800A. Each person 17 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/Credit card. The USCIS approval is valid for 15 months. Please remember that Bulgaria adoption timelines are controlled by the Ministry of Justice and are subject to change. Due to extended timelines, you may need to re-file your immigration application, which includes a new I-800A form, fingerprinting, and a home study update. Costs will vary by agency for the home study update. The overall cost to re-file can be an additional \$945 plus a home study update fee.
3. 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. The **\$360** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.
4. A home study is an evaluation of each potential adoptive family prior to the placement of a child in the home. An approved home study report will enable us to recommend you to Bulgaria. Home study costs vary greatly between states and agencies within the same state. We encourage families to be "educated consumers" when choosing a home study agency to serve them.
5. 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.
 - i. Note: If adopting a waiting child, the payment schedule may differ.
6. 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
 - Translation services in Region
 - Assistance to choose the hotel /apartment to stay
 - 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 US Domestic & International airfare for two adults is approximately **\$800- \$1,500** per person. The rates per night stay in an apartment/hotel will range from \$100 - \$125/night. The cost per week stay is approximately **\$700 - \$875**.
 8. Your stay in Bulgaria over the two trips is approximately 2-3 weeks.
 9. In country transportation fees will be approximately **\$300 – \$600**, depending on the location of your child's orphanage.
 10. Bulgaria may require updated FBI and Medicals prior to adoption finalization, this cost will vary.
 11. The US Consulate requires that children have physicals performed prior to their exit interview. **\$190** covers the cost of this exam.
 12. Your child's visa to enter the U.S. will cost **\$325** and will be issued by the U.S. Consulate in Sofia, Bulgaria.
 13. Other than the Post-Adoption Support that CCAI will be providing to families after their return from Bulgaria, families need to secure a licensed, non-profit, accredited home study agency in their state to perform Post-Adoption services for two years to comply with state regulations and Bulgaria regulations. Typically this is the same agency that performed your initial homestudy. Post- adoption costs will **vary** depending on the state and agency.
 14. The adoption may need to be validated by a court in your state. The cost will **vary** by state.
 15. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate. The cost will also **vary** by state.

** Fees listed are in Euros. Total Service Fee in USD is estimated at: \$7578 - \$9161 (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 7th, 2022