

# Explanation of CCAI Ukraine Adoption Program Fees For Families in Florida, Georgia, Texas & Wyoming

## APPLICATION FEE

### **Application Review & Assessment**

The well-being of adoptive children is CCAI's ultimate concern and main focus; their needs dictate which applicant(s) we can assist. By reviewing the completed "Application for Adoption," CCAI will determine if families meet the qualifications set by the US, Ukraine, and this agency as stated on the Qualifications page in this packet. Your application fee covers: 1) printing, sending, and receiving the application packet; and 2) staff time spent assessing the application and contacting applicants and their references, etc.

## FIRST PROGRAM FEE

### **Adoption Orientation & Consultation**

Upon receipt of your signed Service Agreement, Fee Policy/Agreement, and First Program Fee, an orientation packet will be made available to you containing an introduction to the USCIS process and instructions to access CCAI's Ukraine Adoption Dossier Guide. A part of your First Program Fee covers the cost of: 1) preparing materials and packets; and 2) staff time spent conducting orientation and training through packets and consultations.

### **Adoption Assessment/Home Study/Clinical Support**

No adoption can occur through CCAI without an approved home study/adoption assessment. A part of your First Program Fee covers the cost of: 1) social worker's time spent conducting individual and family interviews and counseling, visiting the family's residence, writing, typing, and editing the home study reports for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and Ukraine; 2) travel expenses associated with the interviewing and visiting process; 3) staff time spent collecting and verifying references and state child abuse records; 4) child placement supervisor's time spent supervising the home study process and approving the assessment report; and 5) professional insurance.

### **Background Check**

Any American citizen who desires to adopt internationally must be cleared by the state child abuse registers in any state and/or country in which the applicant has resided since the age of 18. A part of your First Program Fee covers CCAI staff time spent: 1) communicating with related state or county registers for child abuse and sex offender's records; and 2) coordinating with the individual State related Department for approval of the home study report.

### **USCIS (I-600A) Filing**

American citizens wishing to adopt internationally must also be approved by the USCIS. A part of your First Program Fee covers CCAI staff time spent: 1) guiding PAPs (prospective adoptive parents) in collecting and submitting related USCIS filing fee and documents; and 2) communicating with the USCIS office to assist with USCIS approval.

### **UAA Adoption & Parent Training**

As required by the Universal Accreditation Act of 2012 and Hague, each prospective adoptive parent must complete 10 hours of parent training on the adoption process and issues unique to international adoption before completing your homestudy. In addition, CCAI requires an additional 12 hours of live face to face training via Zoom before your adoption is completed. A part of your First Program Fee covers staff time spent: 1) producing and providing the online training material; 2) wages paid to guest speakers and training experts and 3) tracking training and issuing a certificate of completion.

### **Dossier Assistance/Review**

The Ukrainian Adoption Authority, National Social Service Department of Ukraine (NATSOCSERV), approves and matches a child to you based upon your qualifications as presented in your adoption dossier. Therefore, a complete and high-quality dossier is extremely important. A part of your Program Fee covers: 1) CCAI staff time organizing and providing Dossier Orientation; 2) assisting you throughout the dossier compilation process; and 3) reviewing the completed dossier for quality control.

### **Domestic Communication**

The process of providing international adoption services requires constant communication between CCAI and the adoptive family, relevant US governmental agencies, your social worker performing the home study, and the Ukraine Embassy and consulates. This is done through phone, fax, internet, newsletters, and regular and express mail. A part of your First Program Fee covers the cost of providing these vital services.

### **Accrediting Entity Monitoring & Oversight Coordination**

All agencies and individuals serving families to adopt internationally must be accredited according to the regulations and standards set forth by the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption. The US Accrediting Entity and the US Department of State require a substantial amount of communication and data reporting as part of their monitoring and oversight requirements. A part of your First and Second Program Fee covers CCAI staff time spent: 1) Communicating and coordinating with the Accrediting Entity as required under the Hague Convention; and 2) Compiling and reporting required data and information to the Accrediting Entity.

### **Administration**

As a non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) agency, we are permitted to spend up to 25% of our program fees on administrative needs. However, we are able to keep our administrative costs at less than 20% of our overall agency expenses. A part of your Program Fee partially covers necessary administrative expenses such as office building expenses, office equipment and insurance, bank fees, office supplies, printing materials, public relations, accounting, IT, office management, maintaining and managing adoption files, and routine operational activities.

## **SECOND PROGRAM FEE**

### **International Communication**

A successful Ukraine adoption requires international communication on multiple levels and in large quantity. A part of your Program Fee covers the ongoing communication regarding an adoptive family's dossier, an adoption Travel Invitation and NSSDU appointment date as well as communication with your in-country facilitator, and US Consulate through phone, internet, and express mail.

### **Child Match Preparation**

CCAI makes every effort to help our families prepare for their child match and to stay connected with families as a source of support before and after receiving their child referral in Ukraine.

### **USCIS Monitoring**

Assisting families to maintain valid USCIS approval and meet USCIS requirements at all times demands constant effort. A part of your Program Fee covers the cost of: 1) monitoring waiting families' USCIS approval status; 2) assisting waiting families with USCIS re-filing and/or new filing; and 3) coordinating with USCIS, National Visa Center, & the US Consulate in Kiev

### **Travel Coordination**

Assisting families in preparing for travel requires a coordinated effort between the family, Ukraine, and CCAI. A part of your Program Fee covers the cost of: 1) working with Ukraine facilitator on NATSOCSERV appointment, 2) coordinating with family travel times/dates, 3) Preparing families to travel 4) coordinating with in country facilitator housing and in country arrangements.

### **Child Specific Training & Clinical Support**

CCAI adoption professionals will provide child-specific training and consultation with adoptive parents as well as additional insight, answers to questions, and further resources to support or expand the parent training and preparation process before an adoption is completed. A part of your First Program fee will cover our staff's consultation and support throughout your adoption process.

### **Post Adoption Consultation & Clinical Support**

After returning to the US, CCAI will assist you with various post adoption tasks. A part of your Program Fee will cover the costs of: 1) CCAI staff time spent calling and consulting with the family, guidance for court validation/re-finalization; assistance with registering with the Ukraine Embassy in the US and professional insurance.

## **REFUNDABLE CITIZENSHIP DEPOSIT**

There are State and USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) requirements regarding the child's US citizenship and other issues related to adoption finalization. Upon receipt of the child's adoption decree, birth certificate, the child's Certificate of Citizenship, and first year post adoption report submitted at Ukraine Consulate, the deposit will be refunded to the family. The \$500 refundable deposit is due at time of invitation to travel to Ukraine.

NOTE: If only one parent travels to Ukraine to complete the adoption, your child will arrive home on an IR-4 visa and will only receive a Permanent Resident Card, NOT US citizenship. After re-adoption, adoptive parents must apply for a Certificate of Citizenship through USCIS. Upon timely completion of these requirements, and receipt of a photocopy of US issued adoption decree, US birth certificate, child's Certificate of Citizenship, and copy of the first year post adoption report submitted at Ukraine Consulate, the deposit will be refunded to the family.