

# Colombia Adoption Expenses by Chronology

## For Families in Colorado

The cost of your Colombia adoption will consist of both CCAI Program Fees and expenses paid to outside agencies for their services. One of the many benefits of CCAI's Colombia Adoption Program is that the costs are clearly defined from the moment you begin your adoption journey. The adoption fees and costs are spread out over the course of the entire adoption process. Expenses paid to CCAI throughout the adoption (highlighted in **BOLD** below) will be about one-fourth of the overall adoption expenses. Below we have listed each expense necessary to complete your adoption, to whom it is paid, and when it is due.

Key	Expense	Amount	Pay to	Due
*	<b>Application Fee</b>	<b>\$250 – Personal Check/ACH Withdrawal †</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>App Submission</b>
1	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee	\$850 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
2	Child Abuse Record Search	\$35/couple – Check	CDHS	After App Approval
3	CBI/FBI Fingerprinting	\$39.50/person – Money Order/Credit Card	Colorado Bureau of Investigation	After App Approval
*	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Program Fee (includes home study)</b>	<b>\$5,700 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>After App Approval</b>
4	Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (CO State Contractor)	\$250 - Check	LFSRM via CCAI	When home study is approved by CCAI
5	USCIS Filing & Fingerprinting	\$775 plus \$85 per adult in the home – Check/Money Order	US Department of Homeland Security	When home study is completed
6	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$500 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
7	Psychological Evaluation	Approx. \$250 - \$2,500 – Check/Credit Card	Licensed Psychologist/Psychiatrist	As preparing Dossier
*	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Program Fee</b>	<b>\$5,450 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Submission of Dossier</b>
8	1 <sup>st</sup> In-Country Fee	\$1,030 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	Submission of Dossier
9	Authorized Adoption Institution Fee	\$0 - \$3,830 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	ICBF or the Authorized Adoption Institution (IAPA) via CCAI	At time of accepting referral
10	2 <sup>nd</sup> In-Country Fee	\$1,680 - \$2,130 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	At time of accepting referral
*	<b>Court Validation Deposit</b>	<b>\$200 - Check †</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Prior to filing I-800</b>
11	3 <sup>rd</sup> In-Country Fee	\$330 - \$430 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	Prior to filing I-800

12	US Domestic & International Airfare	\$800 - \$1,500 by coach per adult plus \$1,000 for a child one way ticket – Credit Card	A travel agency of your choice; in cooperation with Colombian Representative	Approximately 4 weeks prior to departure
13	Room & Board (approx. 5 week stay)	Approx. \$7,000 - \$10,500 (approx. \$100 - \$150/person/day) – Cash, Credit Card	Hotel(s), Restaurant(s)	In Colombia
14	In-Colombia Legal Services Fee	\$2,000 - \$2,672 – Cash	Attorney(s) working with ICBF or Authorized Adoption Institution (IAPA)	In Colombia
15	In-Country Adoption Costs	Approx. \$1,200 - \$1,500 – Cash, Credit Card	Service Provider in Colombia	In Colombia
16	Child U.S. Entry Visa	\$325 – Cash, Credit Card	US Embassy in Bogotá	In Colombia
17	Court Validation Fee	\$167 – Cash, Credit Card	Local County Court	After U.S. return
18	State Birth Certificate	\$37.75 – Cash, Credit Card	CO Vital Statistics Office	After U.S. return
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$30,329 – \$42,731 for a couple adopting one child – 5 week in-country stay</b>				

\* Please see Explanation of CCAI Service Fees for details. Also, the “Total” above does not include the refundable **\$200** Court Validation Deposit.

† When you provide a check as payment, you authorize CCAI either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

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

1. The IAAME (Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity) is the authorized Hague accrediting entity. They charge **\$850** 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 **\$850** per child at the time of referral.)
2. The State of Colorado requires that all adoptive families undergo a Child Abuse Record search at a cost of **\$35** per couple. Families complete and submit the State of Colorado “Background Inquiry Form” to Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) with a check for \$35 payable to “CDHS.”
3. The State of Colorado requires that all adoptive families be fingerprinted for CBI and FBI clearance for the home study. This is required of each person in the home, age 17 or older and the cost is \$39.50 per person.
4. Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains is the CDHS’ contractor who must approve all Colorado home studies prior to submission to USCIS. The fee for this review and approval is **\$250**.
5. 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 or money order. The USCIS approval is valid for 15 months.
6. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state(s) charges for issuing birth and marriage certificates and for document apostille. The cost of documentation notarization may also vary depending on the

notary. Each family has approximately 20 apostilled documents in their dossier. The **\$500** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.

7. Colombia requires each adoptive family to complete a psychological evaluation from a licensed psychologist as part of their dossier. The cost for this evaluation varies greatly depending on provider and ranges from approximately **\$250 - \$2,500** per adoptive family.
8. The 1<sup>st</sup> In-Country fee is **\$1,030** (wiring fee included) and covers the cost of translating your dossier in Colombia.
9. Colombia adoptions may be completed by the Central Authority (ICBF) or an Authorized Adoption Institution (IAPA). Each entity charges their own fee for adoption-related services, which range from **\$0 (ICBF) - \$3,830 (IAPA)** wiring fee included. Sometimes this cost can be paid directly to the IAPA once you are in Colombia.
10. The 2<sup>nd</sup> In-Country fee is **\$1,680 - \$2,130** (wiring fee included) and includes costs related to the translation of your child referral information, your In-Colombia Representative Services, and in-country translation/interpretation services (only for children from outside of Bogotá) during your adoption trip.
11. The 3<sup>rd</sup> In-Country Fee is **\$330 - \$430** (wiring fee included) and covers the cost of the translation of your 4 required post adoption reports, due after you come home with your child.
12. Airfare to/from Colombia may range from **\$800 - \$1,500** per adult traveler (2 one-way tickets) for coach accommodations based on flights from/to your home airport during regular season travel. For children over two years old at time of travel, a “full one way ticket” (generally 75% of the price of adult ticket) is required (and can be as much as **\$1,000**).
13. Average in-Colombia travel expenses are approximately **\$7,000 - \$10,500** for two adults and the adopted child for an approximate 5-week stay. This covers local (Colombian) travel (ground transportation), as well as hotel costs. The single adoption trip usually takes 5-8 weeks.
14. The attorney costs for legal processing of adoption paperwork in Colombia range from **\$2,000 - \$2,672** and will be paid directly during your trip.
15. In-Country adoption costs range from **\$1,200 - \$1,500** and include services such as a US Embassy-approved medical exam and vaccinations, a TB test, a new birth certificate and Colombian ID for your adopted child, legalized adoption decree copies from court, transportation to La Mesa via car for adoption decree processing, transportation in Bogota for adoption-related procedures/appointments, and a copy of the child’s medical file in Spanish.
16. Your child’s visa to enter the US is **\$325** and will be paid to the US Embassy in Bogotá.
17. The adoption will need to be validated after you return to Colorado at a cost of **\$167**.
18. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate issued by the State of Colorado. The cost is **\$37.75**.

### **Financial Aid Application(s) & Administrative Assistance**

CCAI is happy to support your family if you choose to seek financial aid through grant(s) to fund your adoption. Once you have researched and selected a grant organization(s) that you would like to apply to, CCAI will provide assistance in compiling requested agency documentation for as many grants as you choose to apply for throughout your adoption process. CCAI will provide the following services to you at no additional fee: 1) initially analyzing and verifying your adoption case position and stage in the adoption process; 2) verifying your paid adoption expenses and estimating the overall cost for your current adoption; 3) writing and delivering (including postage) your case-specific adoption expense information to the fund(s) or foundation(s) you applied to; 4) generating a home study summary (if applicable); 5) ongoing communication with grant provider(s) regarding your adoption progress and paid and estimated expenses; 6) tracking and applying your grant funds to the specific adoption fees and travel related expenses; and 7) accounting reconciliation and coordination with the fund(s) or foundation(s) to determine how best to disburse excess funds if necessary. These services will be provided for all the grants that you receive throughout your adoption process.

NOTE: Financial contributions from your relatives, friends, churches or other related parties toward your adoption is not tax deductible according to the IRS rules.