

Ukraine Adoption Expenses by Chronology

The cost of your Ukraine adoption will consist of both CCAI Service Fees and expenses paid to outside agencies for their services. One of the many benefits of CCAI's Ukraine 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. Each expense is identified by the **Key** and detailed in "Explanation of Non-CCAI Expenses."

Key	Expense	Amount	Pay To	Due
*	Application Fee	\$250 – Check/ACH†	CCAI	App Submission
*	First Program Fee	\$4,850 – Check/ACH†	CCAI	After App Approval
1	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee (per child)	\$850 – Check/ACH†	CCAI (forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval (at time of referral for additional child)
2	USCIS Filing & Fingerprinting	\$775 plus \$85 per adult for fingerprinting – Check/Money Order/Credit Card	USCIS	When filing I600A with USCIS
3	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$350 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
*	Second Program Fee	\$4,850 – Check/ACH†	CCAI	Dossier submission to CCAI
4	Home Study Fee ¹	As agreed with local home study agency.	Your home study agency	As agreed with local home study agency.
5	In-Country Fee (3 separate payments); additional fees will apply if adopting more than one child	\$9,090 - \$11,090** (depending on facilitator used) – Check/ACH† (wiring fee included)	CCAI (wired to Ukraine)	Dossier submission to CCAI
				First Trip
				Second Trip (Court)
*	Refundable Citizenship/ Validation Deposit	\$500 – Check/ACH†	CCAI	Invitation to Travel Trip 1
6	US Domestic & International Airfare (3 trips)	\$1,300-\$1,800 per adult/per trip (economy) + Approx. \$1,000 child ticket (one-way) – Credit Card	A travel agency/airline of your choice	Approximately 10-14 days prior to departure
7	In-Ukraine Travel & Meals/Accommodations (total for all 3 trips, estimated 25 days)	\$2,285 - \$6,000 per couple adopting one child	Apartment Rental/ Transportation/ Restaurants/Etc.	In Ukraine

8	Child Passport	\$100 - \$150	Local Ukraine Agency	In Ukraine
9	Child Physical Exam	\$215	Embassy-Approved Doctor	In Ukraine
10	Ukraine Assistant (total for all 3 trips, estimated 14 days)	Estimated \$700 total (average \$50 per day)	Ukraine Assistant	In Ukraine
11	Child U.S. Entry Visa	\$325 – Cash	U.S. Consulate Kiev, Ukraine	In Ukraine
12	Orphanage fee	\$1,000 – Cash	Ukraine Orphanage	In Ukraine
13	Court Validation Fee	Varies by state/county	Your County Court	After U.S. return
14	Child's Birth Certificate	Varies by state	State Vital Statistics Office	After U.S. return
15	Certificate of Citizenship (where only one parent travels to complete adoption)	\$1,170 Check/ Credit Card	USCIS	After US Adoption
TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$32,160 - \$39,575 for a couple adopting one child, 3 trips (not including home study costs or citizenship/validation deposit)				

* Please see Explanation of CCAI Service Fees for details.

† 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.

** In-country fees are subject to an additional 1%-6% Ukraine bank fee, depending on facilitator's financial institution.

¹The home study and post adoption fees can vary greatly; a home study is generally \$1500 - \$3000 and post adoption fees are generally \$150 - \$500 per report. Please visit <https://ccaifamily.org/Ukraine/Ukraine-Homestudy> for specific examples of home study fees for your state.

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.

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 **\$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 USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) charges **\$775** at the time that you file the I-600A. 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 Ukraine adoption timelines are controlled by the NATSOCSERV and are subject to change. Due to extended timelines, you may need to re-file your immigration application, which includes a new I-600A 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 apostilles. The cost of documentation notarization may also vary depending on the notary. Usually, each family has approximately 28 apostilled documents in their dossier. The **\$350** 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 Ukraine. 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 fee to the Ukraine facilitator ranges from **\$9,090 - \$11,090**, including wire fees, depending on facilitator used, for one child. Additional fees will apply if adopting more than one child. The in-country fees include:
 - a. (First fee) Translation, legalization, and submission of dossier
 - b. (Second fee) Translation services, preparing documentation for NATSOCSERV and court, and submission of documents to various government entities
 - c. (Third fee) Translation of court documents, translation services at court, obtaining passports, new birth certificate and other court decision required for US Immigration Visa and preparation of documents for filing for US Immigration Visa
6. Airfare to Ukraine may range from **\$1,300 - \$1,800** per adult traveler per trip (3 trips total) based on economy flights from your home airport during regular season travel. A one-way ticket for a child over age 2 is approximately **\$1,000**.
7. Average estimated in-Ukraine travel & meals/accommodations (total for all 3 trips, estimated 25 days) are approximately **\$2,285 - \$6,000** per couple adopting one child.
 - a. Fee estimates are based on general ground transportation (bus, train, taxi) fares. Traveling via domestic flights or private driver will incur higher costs.
 - b. Families electing to stay in hotels in Kiev will have higher accommodation costs ranging from \$150 - \$250 a night. Apartment costs range from \$50 - \$75 a night.
8. Your child will be issued a Ukraine passport on which she/he will enter the US. The Ukraine passport usually costs **\$100 - \$150**. This is issued by the local Ukraine government passport agency.
9. The US Consulate in Kiev requires that children have physicals performed prior to their exit interview. The **\$215** covers the cost of this exam and photos that children will have taken for their US Consulate visit.
10. A Ukraine Assistant (to your in-country facilitator) may travel with you to the region to assist with the process. Families are responsible for the assistant's room/board and travel at a cost of approximately \$50 per day, for an average of 14 days, total average **\$700**.
11. Your child's visa to enter the US will cost **\$325** and will be issued by the US Consulate in Kiev.
12. The adoptive family is required to pay a child-rearing fee to the orphanage where the adoptive child was residing. The amount of this orphanage fee is **\$1,000**. If you are adopting multiple children, this fee will vary. This fee covers living expenses that the orphanage has already provided to the child and helps improve the overall living conditions of the orphanage. Families pay this fee directly to the orphanage when they are in Ukraine.
13. The adoption may need to be validated by a court in your state. The cost will vary by state
14. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate. The cost will vary by state.
15. If only one parent travels to complete the adoption in Ukraine, the child will return on an IR-4 visa, therefore will not automatically receive US citizenship status. The parent that did not travel will need to complete an adoption in the local county court of residence before applying for the child's US Certificate of Citizenship. The cost for the Certificate of Citizenship is \$1,170. The domestic adoption process should be started after the adoption is finalized in Ukraine.