

Belize Adoption Expenses by Chronology

For Families in Colorado

The cost of your Belize 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 Belize 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
*	Application Fee	\$250 – Personal Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI	App Submission
1	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee	\$850 per child – 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
*	1st Program Fee (includes home study)	\$6,000 – Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI	After App Approval
4	1st In-Country Fee	\$2,030 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI (wire to Belize)	After App Approval
5	Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (CO State Contractor)	\$250 - Check	LFSRM via CCAI	When home study is approved by CCAI
6	USCIS Filing & Fingerprinting	\$775 plus \$85 per adult in the home – Check/Money Order	US Department of Homeland Security	When home study is completed
7	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$250 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
*	2nd Program Fee	\$2,950 – Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI	Submission of Dossier
*	3rd Program Fee	\$5,000 – Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI	Prior to filing I-800
*	Citizenship Deposit	\$200 - Check	CCAI	Prior to filing I-800
*	Post Placement Deposit	\$500 - Check	CCAI	Prior to filing I-800
8	2nd In-Country Fee	\$2,030 (wiring fee included) – Check/ ACH Withdrawal	CCAI (wire to Belize)	When Provisional Adoption Order is granted
9	US Domestic & International Airfare	\$500 - \$800 by coach per adult plus child's one way	A travel agency or airline of your choice	Approximately 4 weeks prior to departure

		ticket – Credit Card		
10	Room & Board (approx. 2 week stay)	Approx. \$1,500 - \$3,500 (\$100-\$250 per night accommodations) plus food \$100 - \$150/day) – Cash, Credit Card	Hotel(s), Restaurant(s)	In Belize
11	U.S. Embassy Medical Exam	\$155 – Cash, Credit Card	Clinic	In Belize City, Belize
12	Child U.S. Entry Visa	\$325 – Cash, Credit Card	US Embassy in Belmopan	In Belmopan, Belize
13	Court Finalization Fee	\$167 – Cash, Credit Card	Local County Court	After U.S. return
14	State Birth Certificate	\$37.75 – Cash, Credit Card	CO Vital Statistics Office	After U.S. return
TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$25,900 – \$31,000 for a couple adopting one child				

Adoption timelines are variable. Due to unpredictable wait times, you may need to re-file your immigration application, which includes a new I-800A form or Supplement 3, re-fingerprinting, and a home study update, along with translation/processing service fees to submit to DHS. The overall cost for each re-filing can be an additional \$800 - \$2,500.

The “Total” above does not include the refundable \$200 citizenship deposit or \$500 Post Placement deposit.

Explanation of Non-CCAI Adoption Expenses For Families in Colorado

1. 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. CCAI’s legal representative in Belize (a Foreign Supervised Provider under Hague) charges half of its fees at the time of taking on a new client for adoption services. Including the cost of wiring, this fee is **\$2,030**.
5. 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**.
6. 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.

7. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state(s) charges for issuing birth and marriage certificates and for document authentication. The cost of documentation notarization may also vary depending on the notary. The **\$250** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.
8. CCAI's legal representative in Belize (a Foreign Supervised Provider under Hague) charges the second half of its fees at the time the provisional adoption order is issued. Including the cost of wiring, this fee is **\$2,030**.
9. Airfare to/from Belize may range from **\$500 - \$800** per adult traveler for coach accommodations based on flights from/to your home airport during regular season travel. For your adopted child, a "full one way ticket" (generally 75% of the price of adult ticket) is required (and can be as much as **\$600**).
10. Average in-Belize travel expenses are approximately **\$1,500 - \$3,500** for two adults and the adopted child for an approximate 2-week stay. This covers accommodations, food, and local (Belizean) travel (ground transportation).
11. Your child's US Embassy-approved medical exam, TB test, and vaccinations will cost **\$155**.
16. Your child's visa to enter the US is **\$325** and will be paid to the US Embassy in Belmopan.
17. The adoption will need to be finalized 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.