

## Colombia Adoption Expenses by Chronology

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>	CCAI	App Submission
1	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee	\$850 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
*	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Program Fee</b>	<b>\$5,150 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>After App Approval</b>
2	Home Study (for families not living in a CCAI-licensed state only)	\$1,500-\$3,000 <sup>1</sup> – Check/Credit Card	Your Home study agency	Starting of your home study
3	USCIS Filing & Fingerprinting	\$775 plus \$85 per adult in the home – Check/money order	US Department of Homeland Security	When home study is completed
4	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$500 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
5	Psychological Evaluation	Approx. \$250 - \$2,500 – Check/Credit Card	Licensed Psychologist/Psychiatrist	As preparing Dossier
*	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Program Fee</b>	<b>\$5,600 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Submission of Dossier</b>
6	1 <sup>st</sup> In-Country Fee	\$1,030 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	Submission of Dossier
7	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
8	2 <sup>nd</sup> In-Country Fee	\$2,150 - \$2,600 (wiring fee included) – Check/ ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	At time of accepting referral
*	<b>Post Adoption Deposit *</b>	<b>\$1,000 – Check/ACH Withdrawal †</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Prior to filing I-800</b>
9	3 <sup>rd</sup> In-Country Fee	\$530 - \$680 (wiring fee included) – Check/ ACH Withdrawal †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	Prior to filing I-800
10	Colombian Visa for Judicial Process	Approx. \$222 per adoptive applicant	Colombia Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Approximately 4 weeks prior to departure
11	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

12	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
13	In-Colombia Legal Services Fee	\$1,380 - \$3,000 – Cash	Attorney(s) working with ICBF or Authorized Adoption Institution (IAPA)	In Colombia
14	In-Country Adoption Costs	Approx. \$1,200 - \$1,500 – Cash, Credit Card	Service Provider in Colombia	In Colombia
15	Child U.S. Entry Visa	\$325 – Cash, Credit Card	US Embassy in Bogotá	In Colombia
16	Post Adoption Support	As agreed with local home study agency (for families outside of CCAI licensed states only) <sup>1</sup>	Your home study agency	As agreed with your home study agency
17	Court Validation Fee	Varies by State	Local Court	After U.S. return
18	State Birth Certificate	Varies by State	State Vital Statistics Office	After U.S. return
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$29,082 – \$43,912 for a couple adopting one child – 5 week in-country stay</b> (Not including home study or post adoption costs)				

\* Please see Explanation of CCAI Service Fees for details. Also, the “Total” above does not include the **\$1000** refundable Post Adoption 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.

<sup>1</sup> The 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://public.ccaifamily.org/hsprovider/hs\\_provider](https://public.ccaifamily.org/hsprovider/hs_provider) for specific examples of home study and post adoption fees for your state.

## Explanation of Non-CCAI Adoption Expenses

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. 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 Colombia. Home study costs vary greatly between states and agencies within the same state. We encourage families to be "educated consumers" when choosing a Hague Accredited home study agency to serve them.
3. 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.
4. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state 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.

5. 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.
6. The 1<sup>st</sup> In-Country fee is **\$1,030** (wiring fee included) and covers the cost of translating your dossier in Colombia.
7. 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.
8. The 2<sup>nd</sup> In-Country fee is **\$2,150 - \$2,600** (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.
9. The 3<sup>rd</sup> In-Country Fee is **\$530 - \$680** (wiring fee included) and covers the cost of the translation of up to 6 required post adoption reports due after you come home with your child as well as the translation of your Sentencia and child's birth certificate, documents required for readoption/court validation of your adoption in your state of residence.
10. In order to complete a legal procedure while in Colombia (such as an adoption), a special visa for the judicial process must be obtained by each adoptive applicant. The cost for both the application study and actual visa once approved total approximately **\$222** per adoptive applicant and is paid directly to the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs via the Colombian online visa system before your adoption trip.
11. 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 **\$1000**).
12. 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.
13. The attorney costs for legal processing of adoption paperwork in Colombia range from **\$1,380 - \$3,000** (wiring fee included) and will be paid directly during your trip.
14. 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.
15. Your child's visa to enter the US is **\$325** and will be paid to the US Embassy in Bogotá.
16. Other than the Post Adoption Support that CCAI will be providing to families after their return from Colombia, families need to secure a licensed, non-profit home study agency in their state to perform Post Adoption services for two years to comply with Colombia regulations. Typically, this is the same agency that performed your home study. Post adoption costs will vary depending on the state and agency.
17. The adoption will need to be validated after you return to your home state. Cost for court validation will vary depending on the state.
18. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate issued by your state of residence. The cost for a state issued-birth certificate will vary depending on the state.

### **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.