

Dominican Republic Adoption Expenses by Chronology

The cost of your Dominican Republic 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 Dominican Republic 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 |
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| * | Application Fee | \$300 – 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 |
| * | 1st Program Fee | \$5,850 – Check/ACH Withdrawal | CCAI | After App Approval |
| 2 | Home Study Fee | As agreed with local home study agency | Your home study agency | As agreed with your home study agency |
| 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 |
| 6 | 1st In-Country Fee | \$3,130 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal | CCAI (wire to the DR) | Submission of Dossier |
| * | 2nd Program Fee | \$5,750 – Check/ACH Withdrawal | CCAI | Submission of Dossier |
| * | Refundable Post Adoption Deposit | \$1,000 - Check/ACH Withdrawal | CCAI | Prior to filing I-800 |
| 7 | Child Referral Translation | \$330 - \$530 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal | CCAI (wire to the DR) | Receipt of Child Referral |
| 8 | US Domestic & International Airfare | \$700 - \$1,500 by coach per adult plus child's one way ticket – Credit Card | Airline or travel agency of your choice | Approximately 4 weeks prior to departure |
| 9 | 2nd In-Country Fee | \$2,430 (wiring fee included) – Check/ ACH Withdrawal | CCAI (wire to the DR) | Prior to travel to the DR |
| 10 | 3rd In-Country Fee | \$3,030 (wiring fee included) – Check/ ACH Withdrawal | CCAI (wire to the DR) | When child's passport is issued |
| 11 | U.S. Embassy Medical Exam | \$300-700 – Cash, Credit Card | Clinic | In Santo Domingo, DR |

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| 12 | Child U.S. Entry Visa | \$325 – Cash, Credit Card | US Embassy | In Santo Domingo, DR |
| 13 | Court Finalization Fee | Varies by state/county | Local County Court | After U.S. return |
| 14 | State Birth Certificate | Varies by state | Your State | After U.S. return |
| 15 | Post Adoption Report Translation | \$230-\$330 (wiring fee included) per report (six reports total) – Check/ACH Withdrawal | CCAI (wire to the DR) | At each report's due date |

TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$27,470 - \$33,320 for a couple adopting one child
(Not including home study cost, post adoption cost, or refundable post adoption deposit)

ADDITIONALLY:

Your family will reside in the Dominican Republic for a four- to six-month Cohabitation Period. Costs will vary widely depending on your family's plans and preferences, but consider:

- Apartment or Airbnb - \$1,000 - \$3,000 per month
- Food - \$700 - \$1,500 per month per family
- Local transportation (Uber, taxi, or public transportation)
- Other costs such as cell phone service, entertainment, school expenses, etc.

- 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 CONANI. The overall cost for each re-filing can be an additional \$800 - \$2,500.
- Home study and post adoption fees can vary greatly; a home study is generally between \$1000 - \$3000 and post adoption fees are generally between \$150 - \$500 per report. Please visit our website for specific examples of home study and post adoption fees for your state.
- Additional service fees apply for placement of multiple children.

Explanation of Non-CCAI Adoption Expenses

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. Home study costs vary greatly between states and agencies within the same state. We encourage families to be “educated consumers” when securing a licensed/non-profit home study agency.
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(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 **\$500** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.

5. The Dominican Republic 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. CCAI's legal representative in the Dominican Republic (a Foreign Supervised Provider under Hague) charges the first portion of its fees at the time the dossier arrives in the Dominican Republic. Including the cost of wiring, this fee is **\$3,130**.
7. Your child's referral paperwork will be issued in Spanish. CCAI's legal representative in the Dominican Republic (a Foreign Supervised Provider under Hague) charges **\$330 - \$430** (including wiring) for translation of child referral materials into English.
8. Airfare to/from the Dominican Republic may range from **\$700 - \$1,500** 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 **\$1,125**).
9. CCAI's legal representative in Dominican Republic (a Foreign Supervised Provider under Hague) charges the second portion of its fees at the time families travel to begin the cohabitation period. Including the cost of wiring, this fee is **\$2,430**.
10. CCAI's legal representative in Dominican Republic (a Foreign Supervised Provider under Hague) charges the third and final portion of its fees at the time the adoption process finalizes (when the child's passport has been issued). Including the cost of wiring, this fee is **\$3,030**.
11. Your child's US Embassy-approved medical exam, TB test, and vaccinations will cost **\$585**.
12. Your child's visa to enter the US is **\$325** and will be paid to the US Embassy in Santo Domingo.
13. The adoption will need to be finalized after you return home. The cost will vary by county.
14. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate. The cost will vary by state.
15. Your six post adoption reports will need to be translated into Spanish at a cost of **\$230-\$330** (including wiring cost) per report.

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.