

Bulgaria Adoption Expenses by Chronology

For Families in Colorado

The total cost of your Bulgaria adoption will consist of both CCAI Service Fees and expenses outside of CCAI Service Fees. One of the many benefits of CCAI's Bulgaria 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 or less of the overall adoption expenses.

Below we have listed each expense necessary to complete your adoption in two trips, 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." Your estimated adoption fees/expenses are further **categorized** from **A-I** as follows:

Key	Category	Expense	Amount	Pay To	Due
	B	Application Fee	\$300 – Check/ACH	CCAI	App Submission
1	H	Child Abuse Record Search	\$30 per person 17+ – Check	CO Dept of Human Services	App Submission
2	H	CBI/FBI Fingerprinting	\$54.50 per person 17+ – Money Order/Credit Card	Colorado Bureau of Investigation	After App Approval
	B	1st Program Fee (includes Home Study)	\$7,550 – Check/ACH	CCAI	After App Approval
	A	<i>Home Study Fee (INCLUDED in 1st Program Fee above)</i>	<i>(\$2,200)</i>	<i>CCAI</i>	<i>After App Approval</i>
3	H	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee*	\$850 – Check/ACH	CCAI forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
4	H	Colorado State Approval	\$300 – Check	Lutheran Family Services via CCAI	When home study is approved by CCAI
5	H	USCIS Filing & Fingerprinting	\$775 plus \$85 per adult in the home – Check/money order	USCIS	When home study is completed
6	E	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$360 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
7	E	Document Shipping	\$125 - \$225 – Credit Card	DHL via CCAI	Submission of dossier & other documents to Bulgaria
8	E	In-Country Translation Fees*	€1600 to €2000 (Euros ¹) plus \$40 USD/wire – Check/ACH	CCAI (wired to Bulgaria)	Dossier submission to CCAI (<i>schedule may differ for Waiting Child process</i>)
9	C	In-Country Legal Fees*	€4100 to €6400 (Euros ¹) plus \$40 USD/wire – Check/ACH (2+ wires)	CCAI (wired to Bulgaria)	Split into 2+ payments – referral acceptance & after adoption finalization in country (<i>schedule may differ for Waiting Child process</i>)
	B	2nd Program Fee* (includes post adoption service)	\$8,910 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Dossier submission to CCAI

	G	Post Adoption Fee (INCLUDED in 2 nd Program Fee above)	(\$3,660)	CCAI	Dossier Submission to CCAI
	B	Refundable Court Validation Deposit	\$200 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Prior to 1 st Trip
	B	Refundable Post Adoption Deposit	\$1,000 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Prior to 1 st Trip
10	I	1 st trip - US Domestic & International Airfare	\$800 - \$1,500 by coach per adult, Credit Card	A travel agency of your choice	Approximately 10- 14 days prior to departure
11	I	Bulgarian Apartment & Room & Board (approx. 7 days for first trip)	Approx. \$100-\$125 per night. Ranges from \$700 - \$875 Food approx. \$20-\$45 a day per person - \$140-\$315 – Cash/Credit Card	Hotel Rental Service	In Bulgaria
12	I	Bulgaria Transportation fees (each trip)	Approx. \$300-\$600 per trip – Cash	Bulgaria Legal Team	In Bulgaria
13	I	2 nd trip - US Domestic & International Airfare	\$800 - \$1,500 by coach per adult plus child \$800-\$1,000 – Credit Card	A travel agency of your choice	Approximately 10 - 14 days prior to departure
14	I	Bulgarian Hotel & Room & Board (7-10 days for second trip)	Approx. \$100-\$125 for hotel per night. \$1,000-\$1250. Food approx. \$20-\$45 a day per person - \$200-\$450 – Cash/Credit Card	Hotel Rental Service	In Bulgaria
15	C	US Embassy Medical Exam*	\$190 – Cash	Clinic	In Sofia, Bulgaria
16	C	Child U.S. Entry Visa*	\$325 – Cash, submitted first trip	U.S. Consulate Sofia, Bulgaria	In Sofia, Bulgaria
17	H	Court Validation Fee	\$167 – Cash, Credit Card	Local County Court	After U.S Return
18	H	Colorado Birth Certificate	\$37.75 – Cash, Credit Card	CO Vital Statistics Office	After U.S Return

**TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$34,050 - \$42,365 for two adult travelers adopting one child
(not including refundable deposits)**

A. Home study	\$2,200	D. Care of the child	\$0	G. Post-adoption reports	\$3,660
B. Adoption expenses in the United States	\$10,900	E. Translation and document expenses	\$2,355-\$2,915	H. Third party fees	\$2,470
C. Foreign country program expenses	\$5,285-\$7,915	F. Contributions	\$0	I. Travel and accommodation expenses	\$7,180-\$12,305

* Additional IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee, In-Country Legal Fees, CCAI Fees, and child-specific in-country fees will apply for multiple placements, plus additional travel costs.

¹ In Country Translation and Legal Fees paid at time of submission are in EUROS, based on current market conversion rates at time of adoption.

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 the Ministry of Justice. The overall cost for each re-filing can be an additional \$800-\$2,500 plus 300-400 Euros.

The "Total" above does not include the \$200 court validation deposit or \$1,000 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

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

1. The State of Colorado requires that all adoptive families undergo a Child Abuse Record search. Families complete and submit the State of Colorado “Background Inquiry Form” to CCAI with their Application for Adoption. This is required of each person in the home age 17 or older, at a cost of **\$30** per person.
 2. The State of Colorado also 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, at a cost of **\$54.50** per person.
 3. The IAAME (Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity) is CCAI’s authorized 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.)
 4. Lutheran Family Services is the Colorado Department of Human Services contractor who must approve all Colorado home studies before they are sent to the USCIS. They charge **\$300** for this required review.
 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/Credit card. The USCIS approval is valid for 15 months. Please remember that Bulgaria adoption timelines are variable and are subject to change. 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 the Ministry of Justice. The overall cost for each re-filing can be an additional \$800-\$2,500 plus 300-400 Euro.
 6. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state charges for issuing birth and marriage certificates and for document certification. CCAI notarizes documents for Colorado families at no charge. The **\$360** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier. (Bulgaria also requires updated FBI and medical certificates prior to adoption finalization; this cost will vary.)
 7. Your documents must be shipped to Bulgaria an average of two to four times during your adoption process. In order to keep CCAI service fees low, these shipping charges are paid by individual families (to DHL via CCAI) only on an as-needed basis, ranging from **\$125-\$225** on average per family.
 8. Translation of your application/dossier documents into Bulgarian is the first service our In-Country team will provide for you, paid at the time of dossier submission or when matched with a Waiting Child. This translation fee ranges from **€1600 to €2000 (Euros)** or about \$1,830-\$2,290*, plus a \$40 wire fee.
 9. The remaining in-country service fee ranges from **€4100 to €6400 (Euros)** or about \$4,690-\$7,320*, for one child, plus two wire fees of \$40 each.
 - a) For multiple placements, an additional **€1000 to €2600 (Euros)** or about \$1,140-\$2,970*, will apply for services provided for each additional child’s adoption case.
 - b) Fees are paid in 2 payments – at referral acceptance and after adoption finalization. If adopting a waiting child, the payment schedule may differ.
- In-country legal fees include:
- Welcome at airport – a member of the Bulgarian team welcomes families at airport when they arrive the first time
 - Transfer – airport – hotel – airport on the first trip

- Translation services in region
- Assistance in choosing a hotel
- Preparation of all legal documents for the Ministry of Justice and Court
- Preparation of petition at court
- Representation at court
- Accompaniment to orphanage/foster home to pick up the child
- Taxes and other expenses concerning submission of petition in the court
- Translation of all Bulgarian documents required to submit with the I800 petition in the US
- Preparation of documents and assistance filing for US Immigration Visa
- Translation of the final decision, new birth certificate and other court decision required for US Immigration Visa
- Expenses for the new birth certificate
- Expenses for the new passport
- Final decision
- New birth certificate
- Legal advice, counseling, coordination

*In-country fees are paid in Euros. Exact US dollar amounts will vary depending on the current market exchange rate (*estimate is based on 1.1438 exchange rate as of 1/2024*).

10. Your travel to Bulgaria will require two separate trips. The first trip requires both adoptive parents to travel and remain in Bulgaria for 7 days. The cost for travel will vary based on the number of travelers on each trip and the length of time you are in Bulgaria. US Domestic & International airfare for two adults is approximately **\$800- \$1,500 per person per trip**.
11. The rates per night stay in a hotel or apartment will range from \$100 - \$125/night. Accommodations for the first trip range from **\$700-\$875**. We estimate you'll spend about \$20-\$45 a day per person on food, or about **\$140-\$315** per person.
12. In country transportation fees will be approximately **\$300 - \$ 600 per trip**, depending on the location of your child's orphanage.
13. Your second trip is about 10 days. The cost for travel will vary based on the number of travelers on each trip and the length of time you are in Bulgaria. US Domestic & International airfare for two adults is approximately **\$800- \$1,500 per person per trip**. Your child's one-way airfare may range from **\$800-\$1,000**.
14. The rates per night stay in a hotel or apartment will range from \$100 - \$125/night. Accommodations for the second trip range from **\$1,000-\$1,250**. We estimate you'll spend about \$20-\$45 a day per person on food, or about **\$200-\$450** per person (including your new child!).
15. The US Consulate requires that children have physicals performed prior to their exit interview. **\$190** covers the cost of this exam.
16. Your child's visa to enter the U.S. will cost **\$325** and will be issued by the U.S. Consulate in Sofia.
17. The adoption will need to be validated after you return to Colorado at a cost of **\$167** through your local county court.
18. Your child will need a 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 coordinating 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 are not tax deductible according to the IRS rules.