

# CCAI Bulgaria Adoption Program Fees

## For Families in Colorado

CCAI is proud to be a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable adoption agency. That means we are financially accountable to you as the American public and as an adoptive family. Disclosing all costs up front and having no hidden charges is important to us. While providing uncompromised first-class adoption service, CCAI's fees are among the lowest in the field of Bulgaria adoption.

Once your application is approved, you will sign a Fee Policy/Agreement (see "Sample Fee Policy") with CCAI which commits you to pay: 1) CCAI fees, and 2) expenses paid to other entities necessary to complete your adoption (see "Adoption Expenses & Chronology"). **The Fee Policy/Agreement also commits CCAI to not change the amount of our fees throughout your adoption.**

Families make payments to CCAI at three different times and only when they are ready to be provided with the services covered by that fee. Following is a breakdown of the services covered by each of CCAI's fees.

### **FEES PAID TO CCAI**

<b>Application Fee - Due When You Submit Your Application</b>	<b>\$300</b>
Application Review & Assessment	
 <b>First CCAI Program Fee - Due after Application Approval</b>	 <b>\$7,550</b>
Adoption Orientation & Consultation	
Adoption Assessment/Home Study/Clinical Support	
Child Abuse Record Search	
USCIS I-800A Filing	
Dossier Assistance/Review & Assessment Sealing	
Domestic Communication	
State- & Hague-Required Adoption & Parent Training (24 hours)	
Child-Specific Training Consultation & Clinical Support	
Accrediting Entity Monitoring & Oversight Coordination	
Administration	
 <b>Second CCAI Program Fee - Due When You Submit Your Dossier</b>	 <b>\$8,910</b>
Child Match Preparation & Coordination	
Bulgaria Adoption Trip Training	
USCIS (I-800) & Article 5 Hague Processing	
International Communication	
Post Adoption Consultation & Clinical Support	
Accrediting Entity Monitoring & Oversight Coordination	
Administration	
 <b>CCAI PROGRAM FEE TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$16,760</b>
 <b>Refundable Court Validation Deposit</b>	 <b>\$200</b>
<b>Refundable Post Adoption Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

CCAI's fees increase by \$1,600 per *additional* child referred, for the services of Child-Specific Training, I-800A Filing, and Post Adoption Reporting Service. Please see "Explanation of CCAI Bulgaria Program Fees" to better understand how each of these services brings you and your adopted child closer to each other. There are State and USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) requirements regarding the child's US citizenship and other issues related to adoption finalization. Upon timely completion of your post adoption reports, receipt of the child's adoption decree, birth certificate, and the child's Certificate of Citizenship, the deposits will be refunded to the family.

# **Explanation of CCAI Bulgaria Adoption Program Fees**

## **For Families in Colorado**

### **APPLICATION FEE**

#### **Application Review & Assessment**

The well-being of adoptive children is CCAI's ultimate concern and main focus; their needs dictate which applicant(s) we can assist. By reviewing the completed "Application for Adoption," CCAI will determine if families meet the qualifications set by the US, Bulgaria, and this agency as stated on the Qualifications page in this packet. Your application fee covers: 1) printing, sending, and receiving the application packet; and 2) staff time spent assessing the application and contacting applicants and their references, etc.

### **FIRST PROGRAM FEE**

#### **Adoption Orientation & Consultation**

Upon receipt of your signed Service Agreement, Fee Policy/Agreement, and First Program Fee, an orientation packet will be made available to you containing instructions to access [CCAI's Bulgaria Adoption Dossier Guide](#).

#### **Adoption Assessment/Home Study**

No adoption can occur through CCAI without an approved home study/adoption assessment. A part of your First Program Fee covers the cost of: 1) social worker's time spent conducting individual and family interviews and counseling, visiting the family's residence, writing, typing, and editing the home study reports for the State of Colorado, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and Bulgaria; 2) travel expenses associated with the interviewing and visiting process; 3) staff time spent collecting and verifying references and child abuse records; 4) child placement supervisor's time spent supervising the home study process and approving the assessment report; and 5) professional insurance.

#### **Background Check**

Any American citizen who desires to adopt internationally must be cleared by the state child abuse registers in any state and/or country in which the applicant has resided since the age of 18. A part of your First Program Fee covers CCAI staff time spent: 1) communicating with related state or county registers for child abuse and sex offender's records; and 2) coordinating with the individual State related Department for approval of the home study report.

#### **USCIS (I-800A) Filing**

American citizens wishing to adopt internationally must also be approved by the USCIS. A part of your First Program Fee covers CCAI staff time spent: 1) guiding PAPs (prospective adoptive parents) in collecting and submitting related USCIS filing fee and documents; and 2) communicating with the USCIS office to assist with USCIS approval.

#### **Dossier Assistance/Review**

The Bulgarian Central Adoption Authority, The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) approves and matches a child to you based upon your qualifications as presented in your adoption dossier. Therefore, a complete and high-quality dossier is extremely important. A part of your Program Fee covers: 1) CCAI staff time organizing and providing online Dossier Orientation; 2) assisting you throughout the dossier compilation process; and 3) reviewing the completed dossier for quality control.

### **Domestic Communication**

The process of providing intercountry adoption services requires constant communication between CCAI and the adoptive family, relevant US governmental agencies, your social worker performing the home study, and the Bulgaria Embassy and consulates. This is done through phone, internet, regular and express mail. A part of your First Program Fee covers the cost of providing these vital services.

### **State- and Hague-Required Adoption & Parent Training**

Hague as well as Colorado require adoptive parents to receive in-person training on older child care, children with special needs, attachment, cross-culture, and intercountry adoption before traveling to Bulgaria. CCAI provides that training to adoptive families through helpful on-site or online classes. Experts, panels of adoptive parents, and/or adult adoptees conduct the classes. A part of your First Program Fee covers: 1) CCAI staff time spent preparing the required training sessions; 2) editing and printing training materials that fulfill State requirements; 3) online courses management, and 3) wages paid to guest speakers and training experts.

### **Child Specific Training Consultation & Clinical Support**

CCAI adoption professionals will provide child-specific training and consultation with adoptive parents as well as additional insight, answers to questions, and further resources to support or expand the parent training and preparation process before an adoption is completed. A part of your First Program fee will cover our staff's consultation and support throughout your adoption process

### **Accrediting Entity Monitoring & Oversight Coordination**

All agencies and individuals serving families to adopt internationally must be accredited according to the regulations and standards set forth by the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption. The US Accrediting Entity and the US Department of State require a substantial amount of communication and data reporting as part of their monitoring and oversight requirements. A part of your First Program Fee covers CCAI staff time spent: 1) Communicating and coordinating with the Accrediting Entity as required under the Hague Convention; and 2) Compiling and reporting required data and information to the Accrediting Entity.

### **Administration**

As a non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) agency, we are permitted to spend up to 25% of our program fees on administrative needs. A part of your Program Fee partially covers necessary administrative expenses such as office building expenses, office equipment and insurance, bank fees, office supplies, printing materials, public relations, accounting, IT, office management, maintaining and managing adoption files, and routine operational activities.

## **SECOND PROGRAM FEE**

### **Child Match Preparation & Coordination**

CCAI makes every effort to help our families prepare for their child match and to stay connected with families as a source of support before and after receiving their child referral in Bulgaria.

### **Bulgaria Adoption Trip Training**

Traveling to Bulgaria is a major part of the Bulgaria adoption process. Adequate preparation is crucial to ensure your trips to Bulgaria are successful. A part of your Second Program Fee covers: 1) your Bulgaria adoption travel training packet and information; 2) adoption travel orientation following child referral; and 3) coordination with our in-country team to arrange and plan your trips to Bulgaria.

### **USCIS I-800 & Article 5 Hague Processing**

Assisting families to maintain valid USCIS approval and meet Hague requirements at all times demands constant effort. A part of your Program Fee covers the cost of CCAI staff time spent: 1) monitoring waiting families' USCIS approval status; 2) assisting waiting families with USCIS re-filing and/or new filing of I-800A; 3) guiding families in collecting and submitting related USCIS I-800 filing documents; 4) communicating with the USCIS office to assist with USCIS I-800 approval; and 5) coordinating with USCIS and National Visa Center, and the US Embassy in Sofia.

### **International Communication**

A successful Bulgaria adoption requires international communication on multiple levels and in large quantity. A part of your Program Fee covers the ongoing communication regarding an adoptive family's dossier, child referral, and adoption Travel Approval, as well as communication with your in-country legal team, and US Consulate through phone, internet, and express mail.

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### **Administration**

A part of your Program Fee partially covers necessary administrative expenses such as office building expenses, office equipment and insurance, bank fees, office supplies, printing materials, public relations, accounting, IT, office management, maintaining and managing adoption files, and routine operational activities.

### **Post Adoption Consultation & Clinical Support**

After families return to the United States, CCAI will maintain regular contact with our adoptive families and their children for the purpose of supporting the development of the parent-child relationship, resolving problems, and evaluating the placement. A part of your Second Program Fee covers the costs of: 1) Reminding the family and their social worker of post adoption report due dates and related requirements, such as number of pictures, child's physical exam or school report, etc. for such reports; 2) Calling and visiting the family up to six times and writing progress reports, including travel expenses related to post adoption home visits and interviews; 3) Collecting and reviewing post adoption reports; 4) Contacting the family and/or their social worker regarding any concerns and/or additional requested documents/pictures after reviewing post adoption reports; 5) Sending the reports to Bulgaria; 6) Contacting the family should the Ministry of Justice ask any questions and/or request additional information after their review of the post adoption reports; 7) Assisting the adoptive family with adoption court validation, Colorado birth certificate, and applying for the adopted child's social security number; 8) Participating at court for adoption validation, if necessary; 9) Providing additional training, counseling, support, and referral services on parenting, bonding, attachment, child development, etc. if needed; and 10) professional insurance.

## **REFUNDABLE COURT VALIDATION AND POST ADOPTION DEPOSITS**

Compliance with all post adoption requirements is an important part of the adoption process, as well as in the best interests of the child and family. The State of Colorado Rules and Regulations for Child Placement Agencies require CCAI to guarantee that after the completion of an intercountry adoption the family will validate their adoption in their county court. CCAI ensures this State requirement is met through the use of a deposit. The **\$200** refundable deposit is due at time of child referral. The family is responsible for submitting their own court validation paperwork. Upon timely completion of these State requirements and after CCAI has received a copy of the child's court validation paperwork and Colorado birth certificate, the deposit will be refunded to the family.

Bulgaria requires adoptive parents to supply information about the adopted child's living conditions and educational progress to the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice through a post adoption report, with photos attached, prepared by your social worker every 6 months for 3 years from the anniversary dates of the adoption. There are also state and USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) requirements regarding the child's US citizenship and other issues related to adoption finalization. It is in the best interest of the child and the family to comply with all post adoption requirements. The **\$1,000** refundable deposit is due at child referral. Upon timely completion of these requirements, the deposit will be refunded to the family.