

# 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. 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	<b>Application Fee</b>	<b>\$300 – Personal Check/ACH Withdrawal</b>	CCAI	App Submission
1	H	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee*	\$850 per child – Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI (forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
	B	<b>1st Program Fee</b>	<b>\$6,050 – Check/ACH Withdrawal</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>After App Approval</b>
2	A	Home Study Fee	As agreed with local home study agency; generally ranges from \$1,500 to \$3,000	Your home study agency	As agreed with your home study agency
3	H	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	E	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$500 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
5	E	Psychological Evaluation	Approx. \$250 - \$2,500 – Check/Credit Card	Licensed Psychologist/Psychiatrist	As preparing Dossier
6	C	1 <sup>st</sup> In-Country Fee*	\$3,130 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI (wire to the DR)	Submission of Dossier to CCAI
	B	<b>2nd Program Fee*</b>	<b>\$6,210 – Check/ACH Withdrawal</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Submission of Dossier to CCAI</b>
	B	<b>Refundable Post Adoption Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,000 - Check/ACH Withdrawal</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Prior to filing I-800</b>
7	E	Child Referral Translation*	\$330 - \$530 (wiring fee included) – Check/ACH Withdrawal	CCAI (wire to the DR)	Receipt of Child Referral
8	I	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	C	2 <sup>nd</sup> In-Country Fee*	\$2,430 (wiring fee included) – Check/ ACH Withdrawal	CCAI (wire to the DR)	Prior to travel to the DR

10	C	3 <sup>rd</sup> In-Country Fee*	\$3,030 (wiring fee included) – Check/ ACH Withdrawal	CCAI (wire to the DR)	When child’s passport is issued
11	C	U.S. Embassy Medical Exam*	\$300-700 – Cash, Credit Card	Clinic	In Santo Domingo, DR
12	C	Child U.S. Entry Visa*	\$325 – Cash, Credit Card	US Embassy	In Santo Domingo, DR
13	H	Court Finalization Fee*	Varies by state/county	Local County Court	After U.S. return
14	H	State Birth Certificate*	Varies by state	Your State	After U.S. return
15	G	Post Adoption Report Service*	As agreed with local home study agency; generally ranges from \$350-\$600 per report, or \$2,100-\$3,600 total	Your home study agency	As agreed with local home study agency
16	E	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: \$31,730 - \$40,580 for a couple adopting one child**

(Not including 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.

<b>A.</b> Home study	\$1,500- \$3,000	<b>D.</b> Care of the child	\$0	<b>G.</b> Post-adoption reports	\$2,100-\$3,600
<b>B.</b> Adoption expenses in the United States	\$12,560	<b>E.</b> Translation and document expenses	\$2,460- \$5,510	<b>H.</b> Third party fees	\$1,795
<b>C.</b> Foreign country program expenses	\$9,215- \$9,615	<b>F.</b> Contributions	\$0	<b>I.</b> Travel and accommodation expenses	\$2,100- \$4,500+

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

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.

# 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. A home study is an evaluation of each potential adoptive family prior to the placement of a child in the home. Home study costs generally range from **\$1,500 to \$3,000** but can vary greatly between states and agencies within the same state. We encourage families to be “educated consumers” when choosing a home study agency to serve them. 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.
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. Other than the Post-Adoption Support that CCAI will be providing to families after their return from The Dominican Republic, families need to secure a licensed, non-profit home study agency in their state to perform six post adoption reports to comply with state and DR regulations. Typically this is the same agency that performed your initial home study. The cost for your social worker to

perform these reports will vary by home study agency, but generally ranges from \$350-\$600 per report, or **\$2,100-\$3,600** total.

16. 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.