

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. 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	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee*	\$850 – Check/ACH	CCAI (forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
	B	1st Program Fee	\$6,300 – Check/ACH	CCAI	After App Approval
2	A	Home Study (for families not living in a CCAI-licensed state only)	\$1,500 - \$3,000 ¹ – Check/Credit Card	Your Home study agency	Starting of your home study
3	E	Psychological Evaluation	Approx. \$250 - \$2,500 – Check/Credit Card	Licensed Psychologist/Psychiatrist	As preparing Dossier
4	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
5	E	Dossier Translation Fee	\$1,360 – Check/ACH †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	When home study & psychological evaluation are completed
6	E	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$500 – Check/Credit Card	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
	B	2nd Program Fee*	\$6,960 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Submission of Dossier to CCAI
7	E/C	1 st In-Country Fee*	\$2,260 - \$2,510 – Check/ACH †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	At time of accepting referral
8	H	Care Package Shipment	Approx. \$100 - \$300	International Mail Carrier (e.g. FedEx)	After accepting referral
	B	Refundable Post Adoption Deposit	\$1,500 – Check/ACH	CCAI	Prior to filing I-800
9	E	2 nd In-Country Fee*	\$530 - \$680 – Check/ACH †	CCAI (wire to Colombia)	Prior to filing I-800
10	H	Colombian Visa for Judicial Process	Approx. \$222 per adoptive applicant	Colombia Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Approx. 4 weeks prior to departure
11	C	Authorized Adoption Institution Fee (IAPA), if applicable	\$0 - Approx. \$3,000 – Check/ACH †	ICBF or Authorized Adoption Institution (IAPA) via CCAI	Approx. 2 weeks prior to departure
12	I	US Domestic & International Airfare*	\$800 - \$1,500 by coach per adult plus	A travel agency of your choice; in cooperation	Approximately 4 weeks prior to

			\$1,000 for a child one way ticket – Credit Card	with Colombian Representative	departure
13	I	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
14	I	Colombia Transportation Costs (for Adoption)	Approx. \$1,042 ² (one car) – Cash, Credit Card	CCAI-Arranged Transport Service	In Colombia
15	C	In-Colombia Legal Services Fee	\$2,380 if adopting from La Casa de la Madre y Niño, Approx. \$1,500 if adopting from another Institution or ICBF –Check/ACH †	Attorney(s) working with ICBF or Authorized Adoption Institution (IAPA) via CCAI	In Colombia
16	C	US Embassy Medical Exam and Related Tests/Vaccinations*	\$245 - \$460 ² – Cash	US-Approved Panel Physician/Clinic	In Bogotá, Colombia
17	E	Post-Sentencia Documents*	\$187 - \$217 ² – Cash	Service Provider in Colombia	In Bogotá, Colombia
18	C	Child U.S. Entry Visa*	\$325 – Cash, Credit Card	US Embassy in Bogotá	In Bogotá, Colombia
19	H	Exit Permit, if applicable	\$12 – Cash, Money Order	Colombian Consulate in US	Colombian Consulate in US
20	G	Post Adoption Support/Reports	As agreed with local home study agency (for families outside of CCAI licensed states only) ¹ – Check/Credit Card	Your home study agency	As agreed with your home study agency
21	H	Court Validation Fee	Varies by State	Local County Court	After U.S. return
22	H	State Birth Certificate*	Varies by State	Vital Statistics Office	After U.S. return

TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$35,198 – \$48,085 for a couple adopting one child – 5 week in-country stay

A. Home study	\$1,500 - \$3,000	D. Care of the child	\$0	G. Post-adoption reports	\$600 - \$3,000
B. Adoption expenses in the United States	\$13,560	E. Translation and document expenses	\$3,557 - \$5,987	H. Third party fees	\$2,351 - \$2,551
C. Foreign country program expenses	\$3,792 - \$8,167	F. Contributions	\$0	I. Travel and accommodation expenses	\$10,642 - \$15,542

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

† International wire charge included

¹ The home study and post adoption fees can vary greatly; a home study is generally \$1500 - \$3000 and post adoption fees are generally \$350 - \$600 per report. Please visit https://public.ccaifamily.org/hsprovider/hs_provider for specific examples of home study and post adoption fees for your state.

² Colombia Transportation Costs, US Embassy Medical Exam and Related Tests/Vaccinations, and Post-Sentencia Documents paid at time of submission are in Colombian Pesos (COP), based on current market conversion rates at time of adoption. Estimated costs in the Chronology above are based on exchange rates for January, 2024.

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 ICBF. The overall cost for each re-filing can be an additional \$800-\$2,500.

Please see Explanation of CCAI Service Fees and Explanation of Non-CCAI Adoption Expenses for details. Also, the "Total" above does not include the refundable **\$1,500** Post Adoption Deposit.

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. 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.
4. 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.
5. The Dossier Translation fee of **\$1,360** (wiring fee included) covers the cost of translating your dossier in Colombia.
6. 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.
7. The 1st In-Country fee is **\$2,260 - \$2,510** (wiring fee included) and includes costs related to the translation of your child referral information, costs related to receiving and delivering the care package you've sent for your child after referral, your In-Colombia Representative Services, and in-country translation/interpretation services (only for children from outside of Bogotá) during your adoption trip.
8. The estimated cost of **\$100 - \$300** covers the shipment of your care package to Colombia, via international mail carrier of your choice.
9. The 2nd 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 court validation of your adoption in your state.
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. 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) - \$2,380 (IAPA)**, wiring fee included.
12. 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 **\$1,000**).
13. 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.
14. Colombia Transportation Costs covering adoption-related procedures/appointments are estimated to be about **\$1,042** in USD after currency conversion. This covers ~\$65 transportation to/from BOG airport, one car for arrival/departure (120,000 COP each trip), ~\$305 two trips to/from La Mesa via car for 4 people for adoption decree processing (600,000 COP per trip), and ~\$672 for 8 days of adoption proceedings, 6 hrs/day (\$14/hr or 55,000/hr).
15. The attorney costs for legal processing of adoption paperwork in Colombia range from approx. **\$1,500 - \$2,380** (wiring fee included) and will be paid directly during your trip.
16. US Embassy Medical Exam and Related Tests/Vaccinations are required for issuance of your child’s US visa and include a TB test and/or chest x-ray, totaling **\$245 - \$460** USD after currency conversion.
17. After the adoption is finalized, there are several documents required to complete the adoption process and bring your child home, costing a total of **\$187 - \$217** USD after currency conversion. This includes obtaining a new birth certificate, Colombian ID, and passport for your adopted child, government filing fee, legalized adoption decree copies from court, photos for the US visa, and if desired, a copy of the child’s medical file in Spanish.
18. Your child’s visa to enter the US is **\$325** and will be paid to the US Embassy in Bogotá.
19. If one parent of an adoptive couple leaves Colombia before the child’s US Visa is issued, leaving the other adoptive parent to return to the US with the adopted child alone, a special Exit Permit is required by Colombian migration authorities. This permit is obtained in person at a Colombian Consulate in the US by the adoptive parent who returned to the US early, costing a total of **\$12**.
20. 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 up to three 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.
21. The adoption will need to be validated after you return to your home state. Cost for court validation will vary depending on the state.
22. 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.