

# Taiwan Adoption Expenses by Chronology

## For Families in Colorado

The cost of your Taiwan adoption will consist of both CCAI Service Fees and expenses paid to outside agencies for their services. One of the many benefits of CCAI's Taiwan 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-third 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 – Check/ACH</b>	CCAI	At Application Submission
1	H	Child Abuse Record Search	\$35/couple – Check	CDHS	At Application Submission
2	H	CBI/FBI Fingerprinting	\$39.50/person – Money Order/Credit Card	Colorado Bureau of Investigation	After Application Approval
3	H	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee*	\$850 – Check/ACH	CCAI (forwarded to IAAME)	After Application Approval
	B	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Program Fee</b>	<b>\$4,200 – Check/ACH</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>After Application Approval</b>
	A	<i>Home Study Fee (INCLUDED in 1<sup>st</sup> Program Fee above)</i>	<i>(\$2,200)</i>	<i>CCAI</i>	<i>After Application Approval</i>
4	H	Lutheran Family Services (CO State Contractor)	\$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	US Department of Homeland Security	When home study is completed
6	E	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$350 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
	B	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Program Fee*</b>	<b>\$5,500 – Check/ACH</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Acceptance of Child Match</b>
7	C/E	Cathwel (In-Country) Fee*	\$6,230 - (wiring fee included) - Check/ACH	CCAI (wired to Taiwan)	At time of accepting referral.
	B	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Program Fee*</b>	<b>\$5,900 – Check/ACH</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Submission of Dossier to CCAI</b>
	G	<i>Post Adoption Fee (INCLUDED in 2<sup>nd</sup> Program Fee above)</i>	<i>(\$2,700)</i>	<i>CCAI</i>	<i>Submission of Dossier to CCAI</i>
	B	<b>Refundable Post Adoption Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,000 – Check/ACH</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Prior to filing I-600</b>
	B	<b>Refundable Court Validation Deposit</b>	<b>\$200 – Check/ACH</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Prior to filing I-600</b>

8	I	US Domestic & International Airfare	\$1,200 - \$1,500 by coach per adult plus \$1,000 for a child one way ticket– Credit Card	A travel agency of your choice; in cooperation with Taiwan representative	Approximately 7-10 days prior to departure
9	I	Taiwan Room & Board (approx. 5 to 7 nights for one trip)	Approx. \$425 - \$1,750 for hotel, approx. \$300 - \$500 for food –Cash/Credit Card	Hotel(s), Restaurant(s)	In Taiwan
10	I	Taiwan Guide (optional)	\$300 - \$500 per 5 day trip– Cash/Credit Card	Tour Company/Agent of your choice	In Taiwan
11	C	Child U.S. Entry Visa	Paid by Cathwel	The American Institute in Taiwan	In Taiwan
12	H	Court Validation Fee	\$167 – Cash, Credit Card	Local Court	After U.S. return
13	H	State Birth Certificate*	\$37.75 – Cash, Credit Card	State Vital Statistics Office	After U.S. return
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$29,019 - \$31,644 for a couple adopting one child – One trip</b>					

<b>A.</b> Home study	\$2,200	<b>D.</b> Care of the child	\$0	<b>G.</b> Post-adoption reports	\$2,700
<b>B.</b> Adoption expenses in the United States	\$15,900	<b>E.</b> Translation and document expenses	\$550	<b>H.</b> Third party fees	\$2,414
<b>C.</b> Foreign country program expenses	\$6,030	<b>F.</b> Contributions	\$0	<b>I.</b> Travel and accommodation expenses	\$4,125 - \$6,750

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

Adoption timelines are variable. Due to unpredictable wait times, you may need to re-file your immigration application, which includes a new I-600A 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 **\$1,000** Post Adoption Deposit or **\$200** Court Validation Deposit.

# Explanation of Non-CCAI Adoption Expenses

## For Families in Colorado

1. The State of Colorado requires that all adoptive families undergo a Child Abuse Record search at a cost of **\$35** per couple. Families complete and submit the State of Colorado “Background Inquiry Form” to CDHS with a check for **\$35** payable to “CDHS”.
2. The State of Colorado requires that all adoptive families be fingerprinted thru CBI and FBI for the home study. This is required of each person in the home, age 17 or older and the cost is **\$39.50** per person. CCAI will provide the family with the necessary fingerprint cards once the application is approved.  
\*\* The cost of your home study is included in CCAI’s First Agency Fee. \*\*
3. The IAAME (Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity) is the 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 prior to submission to USCIS. The fee for this review and approval is **\$300**.
5. The USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) charges **\$775** at the time that you file the I- 600A. 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 18 months.
6. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state charges for issuing birth and marriage certificates and for document authentication. The cost of documentation notarization may also vary depending on the notary. Each family has approximately 10 authenticated documents in their dossier. The **\$350** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.
7. The Cathwel (In-Country) fee is **\$6,230** (wiring fee included) per child. If a family is adopting a sibling group and one or more of the children hold a disability card, the per-child fee may be less.
8. Airfare to Taiwan may range from **\$1,200 - \$1,500** per adult traveler for coach accommodations based on flights from 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.
9. Average in-Taiwan travel expenses are approximately **\$725 - \$2,250** for two adults and the adopted child. This covers in-Taiwan travel (ground transportation), as well as hotel and food costs for a one-week trip.
10. There may be an additional cost for a Taiwan driver/representative if a family chooses to be driven.
11. Your child’s visa to enter the US is **\$325** and will be paid by the orphanage.
12. The adoption will need to be validated after you return to Colorado at a cost of **\$167**.
13. Your child will need a state-issued 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 is not tax deductible according to the IRS rules.

Please let us know if you have any questions!