

# Taiwan Adoption Expenses by Chronology

The cost of your Taiwan 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 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	App Submission
1	H	IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Fee*	\$850 – Check/ACH	CCAI (forwarded to IAAME)	After App Approval
	B	<b>1st Program Fee</b>	<b>\$2,850 – Check/ACH</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>After App Approval</b>
2	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
3	E	Dossier Preparation	Approx. \$350 – Check/Money Order	Secretary of State(s)	As preparing Dossier
	B	<b>2nd Program Fee*</b>	<b>\$5,350 – Check/ACH</b>	<b>CCAI</b>	<b>Acceptance of Child Match</b>
4	A	Home Study	\$1,500-\$3,000	Your Home study agency	Starting your home study
5	C/E	Cathwel (In-Country) Fee*	\$6,230 - (wiring fee included) - Check/ACH	CCAI (wired to Taiwan)	At time of accepting referral.
	B	<b>3rd Program Fee*</b>	<b>\$4,800 –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-600</b>
6	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
7	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
8	I	Taiwan Guide (optional)	\$300 - \$500 per 5 day trip– Cash/Credit Card	Tour Company/Agent of your choice	In Taiwan
9	C	Child U.S. Entry Visa	Paid by Cathwel	The American Institute in Taiwan	In Taiwan
10	G	Post Adoption Support	As agreed with local home study agency <sup>1</sup>	Your home study agency	As agreed with your home study agency
11	H	Court Validation Fee	Varies by State – Check	Local Court	After U.S. return
12	H	State Birth Certificate	Varies by State – Check	State Vital Statistics Office	After U.S. return

**TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$27,000 - \$30,925 for a couple adopting one child – One trip**  
(Not including home study or post adoption costs)

<b>A.</b> Home study	\$1,500 - \$3,000	<b>D.</b> Care of the child	\$0	<b>G.</b> Post-adoption reports	\$700 - \$1,200
<b>B.</b> Adoption expenses in the United States	\$13,300	<b>E.</b> Translation and document expenses	\$550	<b>H.</b> Third party fees	\$1,795
<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.

<sup>1</sup> 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](https://public.ccaifamily.org/hsprovider/hs_provider) for specific examples of home study and post adoption fees for your state.

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.

## Explanation of Non-CCAI Adoption Expenses

1. The IAAME (Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity) is the newly 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.)
2. 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. The USCIS approval is valid for 18 months.
3. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state charges for document certification. The cost of document notarization may also vary depending on the notary. The **\$350** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.
4. 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 Taiwan. 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.
5. 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.
6. Your travel to Taiwan will be one and possibly two separate trips, depending on the Judge’s request. The first trip would be for the court hearing and require both adoptive parents to travel and remain in Taiwan from 4-5 days. The second trip would be to bring the child home and requires at least one parent to travel. This trip usually lasts 4-7 days. The cost for travel will vary based on the number of travelers on each trip and the length of time you are in Taiwan. International 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.
7. 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 costs. The adoption trip/s usually takes one week, per trip, for a one or two trip process.
8. There may be an additional cost for a Taiwan driver/guide if a family chooses to be driven.
9. Your child’s visa to enter the US will cost **\$325** and is paid by the orphanage.
10. Other than the Post Adoption Support that CCAI will be providing to families after their return from Taiwan, families need to secure a licensed, non-profit home study agency in their state to perform Post

Adoption services for one year to comply with state regulations and Taiwan regulations. Typically, this is the same agency that performed your home study. Post adoption costs will vary depending on the state and agency.

11. The adoption may need to be validated by a court in your state. The cost will vary by state.
12. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate. The cost will vary by 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 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!