

# Explanation of Non-CCAI Haiti Adoption Expenses

## For Florida & Georgia Families

1. The USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) charges \$720 at the time that you file the I-800A. Each person 18 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 I-800A approval is valid for 15 months. Please remember that Haiti adoption timelines are controlled by the Haitian government and are subject to change. Due to extended timelines you may need to renew your immigration fingerprint clearances.
2. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state charges for issuing birth and marriage certificates and for document certification. The cost of document notarization may also vary depending on the notary. The \$150 estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.
3. A letter from a licensed psychiatrist attesting to the adoptive applicants' sound mental health. The estimated cost for this document is \$100-\$400.
4. The Dossier Submission Fee is \$550. This fee is for the legalization and submission of the family's dossier to IBESR. An additional \$350 Submission Fee is required to cover the cost of dossier submission to IBESR if officially matched to two or more children.
5. The First In-Country Processing Fee ranges from \$1,581 - \$1,890 depending on the orphanage you are adopting from. This fee is for the work that the orphanage lawyer/processor does to put together the dossier of the adoptive child, as well as legalization and submission of the family's dossier to IBESR.
6. Your first trip to Haiti is for the socialization/child match trip. This trip will be a minimum of 15 days. The estimated cost for one adult is \$1,675. This estimate includes: airfare to Haiti at approximately \$625, Florida hotel accommodation at approximately \$200, accommodations at the orphanage or orphanage guest house at approximately \$50 per night per adult, transportation in Haiti at approximately \$50, and tips at approximately \$50.
7. The Second In-Country Fee ranges from \$2,156 - \$2,700 depending on the orphanage you are adopting from. This fee covers expenses related to the orphanage lawyer/processor getting a Haitian passport, passport photos, and a U.S. visa for your child(ren). The Second In-Country Fee for Lifeline families also covers the expenses of having your child examined by a USCIS approved doctor in Haiti.
8. As part of your I-800 process, the U.S. Consulate in Port-au-Prince reserves the right to order DNA testing for your child. The fee is \$700-\$900. Please note that this fee is only required if the U.S. Consulate orders DNA testing and that currently, this is rarely requested by the Consulate.
9. The orphanage/crèche fee ranges from \$4,000 - \$7,000 per child. This expense varies depending on which orphanage/crèche your child lives in. CCAI wires this expense directly to the orphanage/crèche. You will make the first payment for this fee once you are officially matched with a child(ren) by IBESR.
10. The Third In-Country Fee is \$1,268 and is for families adopting from Maison only. This fee covers the expenses for a medical examination for your child, as well as fees for translating visa related documents into English and the visa application.
11. Your second trip to Haiti is to bring your child home. This is usually a three day trip (one day/night in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and one-two days in Port-au-Prince). For one adult to bring home a child between the ages of 2 and 11 years, the estimate is \$1,325. This estimate includes: domestic airfare to Florida approximately \$225, Florida hotel accommodation approximately \$200, international airfare \$400, and child's airfare \$500 (\$300 international and \$200 domestic).
12. The adoption may need to be validated by a court in your state. The cost will vary - the state where the adoption is validated will determine the cost.
13. Your child will need a state-issued birth certificate. The cost will vary depending on your state's requirements.