

## WACAP Bulgaria Adoption Costs

International adoption is a complex process with many steps. The following is a listing of fees and expenses you can expect when adopting from Bulgaria. Please understand costs can change and travel expenses are estimated.

Cost	Amount	Paid
WACAP Application Fee	\$350 + \$10 per month until homestudy approval	With WACAP application
Homestudy <i>(If you live in Alaska, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Washington or Wisconsin, WACAP can provide your homestudy)</i>	Varies, typically between \$1,200–3,000, depending on agency (\$2,300 plus mileage if completed by WACAP)	Prior to completion of homestudy, paid to homestudy agency of your choice
Adoption Preparation Costs	\$150–500 <i>(Depends on who offers the training, number of classes taken, and format (e.g. in-person, online, webinar, etc.))</i>	Paid to homestudy agency or separately to education provider
Homestudy Review Fee (Charged to all families whose homestudy is not completed by WACAP)	\$350 (if applicable)	With WACAP application or when homestudy is submitted to WACAP
Pre-Approval Charge	\$500 <i>(For families applying for pre-approval to adopt a waiting child.)</i>	Prior to submitting pre-approval documents. The full amount will be deducted from the Initial Foreign Agency Charge
USCIS I-800A	\$775 + \$85 per adult for fingerprints	With I-800A application; paid to USCIS
Initial WACAP Agency Fee	\$3,200	At homestudy approval
Document Processing Fee	\$1,000	At homestudy approval
Foreign Agency Charge: Part I †	€2,550	Prior to dossier going to Bulgaria, pass through to Bulgarian agency
IAAME Monitoring & Oversight Charge	\$500	At homestudy approval, pass through to IAAME
Second WACAP Agency Fee	\$3,200	Six months after homestudy or at child referral (whichever comes first)
Homestudy Update Fee (Only required if USCIS approval needs to be renewed)	Varies, typically between \$300–\$1,200, depending on agency (\$700 plus mileage if completed by WACAP (\$750, Wis.))	Several months prior to USCIS expiration or at time of significant change in family situation, paid to homestudy agency
USCIS I-800A Update Fee	\$385 + \$85 each adult	At time of second or subsequent extension or significant change in family situation, paid to USCIS
Final WACAP Agency Fee	\$3,200	At child acceptance and prior to traveling on the second trip
Child File Review by Medical Practitioner	\$250 - \$750	Paid to the Medical Practitioner of your choice
Foreign Agency Charge: Part II †	€1,700	Prior to traveling on the first trip, pass through to Bulgarian agency
Sibling Fee (if applicable)	\$3,000 per addl. sibling, grants may be available+ \$500 per additional sibling for IAAME Monitoring and Oversight	At referral acceptance IAAME Charge pass through to IAAME
Foreign Agency Sibling Charge (per sibling group) †	€4,250	At formal referral acceptance, pass through to Bulgarian agency
Foreign Agency Charge: Part III †	€4,250	Prior to traveling on the second trip, pass through to Bulgarian agency

Escort Fee: (Families not able to travel to Bulgaria for the second trip)	\$500	At child acceptance
Escort Travel Deposit : (Used to cover the actual costs for the escort and one child's trip)	\$3,000	At child acceptance
Post Placement Services (An agency visit is required at two, six, 12, 18 and 24 months from date of placement.)	Post placement fees, typically \$300–600 per visit, vary by agency. ( <i>WACAP fee is \$400 per social worker's visit + mileage; additional post placement service costs apply for siblings</i> )	Using WACAP Social Worker: at child acceptance. Using Non-WACAP Social Worker: Paid to your homestudy agency before homestudy approval
Post Placement Transmittal Fee : (\$75 per required report: 4 reports will be sent to Bulgaria)	\$300	At child acceptance
Late/Incomplete Post Placement Requirement Fee	\$50 ( <i>per month per late/ incomplete report</i> )	Billed as incurred

**Associated Costs:**

International Airfare	\$1,000–2,000 per adult ticket, \$1,000 per child for child one way ticket	Prior to each trip (two trips, paid to travel agency/airline)
Bulgaria Domestic Airfare	\$0–350 per person	Paid in Bulgaria depending on location of child and time of year traveling to meet child
In-Country Transportation, Translation and Hotel (food not included)	\$1,200–\$1,500 per trip	Paid in Bulgaria and depends on the location of the child.
Child's U.S. Visa	\$325 (per child)	paid to U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria on second trip

**Other Adoption Related Fees:**

Re-finalization	\$100–1,800 or more depending on the state and attorney	After returning to the U.S.; paid to local courts and attorney
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**Need help with adoption expenses and planning?**

WACAP offers a **Personalized Adoption Finance Coaching Service** with a customized adoption finance plan (*at no cost*) for our adopting families. Learn more at <http://wacap.adoptionfinancecoaching.com>. The IRS currently offers an adoption tax credit of up to \$13,570 per child for all eligible families. Visit <https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607> (or look up IRS tax topic 607) to learn more.

*\*Considering fluctuation with exchange rates, WACAP will convert this figure into U.S. dollars prior to when these charges come due.*

**All fees and charges are subject to changes. Further information about fees is contained in “Fees, Expenses and Services Described” document found on WACAP’s “Getting Started Portal”. Please note that all WACAP agency fees are billed incrementally as services are rendered and, therefore, are nonrefundable. Third party charges and certain other fees and charges may be refunded, either in whole or in part, if the service has not yet been rendered.**

**Questions?**

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