



El Salvador Fee Schedule

Below is a list of standardized fees incurred in the adoption of a child from El Salvador

1. All Blessings International Inc. Agency Fees:\$5,400

- \$50 Preliminary Application Fee
- \$200 Formal application Fee
- \$2500 First Half Agency Fee due with submission of Agency Agreement
- \$2500 Second Half Agency Fee due at time of referral

This fee covers the cost of agency personnel in the US, administrative overhead, operational costs, communications and publications and other costs related to providing services in the US. These fees may be paid with a personal check. **PLEASE NOTE: NO PART OF THIS FEE IS REFUNDABLE**

2. International Fees: \$12,000 fee

Adoptions from El Salvador are governed under the Hague Treaty and all matches must be approved by the Central Authority. Referrals will be made by the Central Authority. For these cases \$12,000 includes all legal work, translations and professional advocacy. \$5,000 is due when the dossier is submitted. \$5,000 is due when the family is approved by the Salvadoran government Office for Adoptions (OPA). The remainder is due when the family accepts a child match offered by the OPA. The International fee also covers personnel, administrative overhead, operational costs, training and education and communications on the part of the attorney. The International Fee is forwarded to an attorney in El Salvador for overseas services to facilitate an adoption. These fees should be paid with cashier’s check. A personal check may be utilized upon approval by the agency Office Manager. **PLEASE NOTE: NO PART OF THIS FEE IS REFUNDABLE!**

3. Estimated Travel Costs: \$4450 - \$5400

- \$850 Airfare (roundtrip - one person) This fee can vary depending on when you travel.
- \$200 - \$300 - (one way - child under two)
- \$3000 - (hotel, meals, ground transportation and translation/guide)
- \$400 - Visa Fee for child

4. Home Study & Post-placement Fee: \$1200 - \$3000

Home study fees are determined by the agency you choose and are paid directly to that provider. ABI can provide home study services to families across Kentucky. Please refer to the schedule of fees enclosed in this packet for more detailed information about the services and fees for ABI.

5. CIS Fees & Fingerprinting: \$720 and \$85 Fingerprinting per person

Citizenship and Immigration Services charges \$720 to process the I-600A, as well as \$85 per person, for fingerprinting. These checks are made payable to USCIS and sent with the I-600A application.

6. Adoption Education: \$200

This fee is paid to Adoption Training Program for required education

7. Dossier Compilation & Legalization Expenses: \$550 - \$1600

The cost of compiling the dossier is usually not extremely expensive, although families do need to obtain certified birth and marriage certificates. In addition, El Salvador requires a comprehensive

Psychological Exam for each adopting parent - this typically ranges in cost from \$200 - \$800 per parent. After securing the notarized documents to be included in your dossier, it is necessary to obtain county certifications (if applicable in your state) and state apostille certifications from the Secretary of State. In our experience the Secretary of State fees range from \$0 - \$20 per document, with the majority of states charging \$5 - \$10 per document. ABI offers an optional Dossier Preparation Service for \$250. This fee is to cover staff time to compile and send documents for various seals. All fees charged for express mailings and apostille fee remain the responsibility of the adoptive family.

8. Registration of Foreign Adoption:\$0 - \$300

Because an adoption from El Salvador is considered complete by both the Salvadoran government and the US government the child will enter the US on an IR-3 visa. In some states a foreign adoption should be registered. Typically this expense is fairly minimal and does not require an attorney in most states. In Kentucky, this process is very low cost. ABI cannot provide a definite estimate on this expense for each state.

9. Miscellaneous: \$500 - \$1000

We recommend that families budget a minimum of \$500 for unexpected expenses that may occur in the pursuit of any adoption.

Total Estimated fee: \$20,780 to \$25,380

*** PLEASE NOTE: All fees are subject to change and any fees not paid to ABI are not under the control or discretion of ABI. All fees paid to ABI are considered fees for services rendered and are not refundable.**