

CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS
_____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
_____ COUNTY

Plaintiff,
vs.

Case No. _____

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Defendant.

APPLICATION TO SUE OR DEFEND AS AN INDIGENT PERSON

Applicant, _____, respectfully requests the court to grant him/her leave to sue defend as a poor person and in support thereof states, under oath, the following facts are true:

I am the plaintiff defendant in the above captioned legal proceedings.

I believe, in good faith, I have a meritorious claim/defense.

I am a poor person as defined by 735 ILCS 5/5-105 and unable to prosecute defend this action and am unable to pay the costs, fees and charges herein because:

1. I am receiving assistance under one or more of the following public benefits programs:
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD),
 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps, General Assistance,
 State Transitional Assistance, or State Children and Family Assistance, or
2. My family unit contains ___ people (including myself) and the total available income of the family is 125% or less of the current poverty level as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or
3. I am being represented by legal aid or other civil legal services provider as defined in 735 ILCS 5/5-105.5, or
4. I am unable to proceed in this action without waiver of fees, costs and charges, or
 Payment of court fees, costs, and charges would result in substantial hardship to me and/or my family.

EMPLOYMENT

5. I am not employed. I expect to be employed by _____ (Date). My income will be _____
 I am employed by _____ and my take-home pay is _____ weekly
 bi-weekly monthly. Annual take-home pay last year was _____
 My spouse is living with me and is not employed.
 My spouse is living with me, is employed by _____ and has take-home pay of _____ weekly bi-weekly monthly (including all wages, tips and overtime).

CHILD SUPPORT

6. I am receiving paying child support in the sum of _____ weekly bi-weekly monthly. Child support is not in arrears is in arrears in the sum of _____

DEBTS

7. I owe the following debts:
TO: _____ in the sum of _____ Monthly Payment
_____ " _____
_____ " _____
TOTAL _____

LIVING EXPENSES

8. My MONTHLY living expenses (excluding payment of debts and child support) for me and my family are _____

ASSETS

9. I own the following:

- House _____ (Address) _____ (Value)
- Car/Truck _____ (Year/type) _____ (Value)
- Motorcycle _____ (Year/type) _____ (Value)
- Recreational Vehicle _____ (Year/type) _____ (Value)
- I have _____ in a savings account. I have _____ in a checking account.
- I have other income in the sum of _____ from _____ (source of income)

The following things affect my ability to pay costs (disabilities, health problems, etc.): _____

AFFIDAVIT

Applicant, after being duly sworn and upon penalty of perjury, hereby certifies that the statements set forth in this application are true and correct.

Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Circuit Clerk/Notary

ORDER

Application set for hearing on _____, Courtroom _____. Clerk to give notice to Applicant.
(Date/time)

Judge (Date entered)

APPLICATION APPROVED

- Application approved on _____ (date). Clerk to give notice to Applicant.
- Applicant to pay fees, costs and charges out of any judgment or settlement received.

Judge (Date entered)

APPLICATION DENIED

- Application denied on _____ (date). Clerk to give notice to Applicant
- Specific reason _____
- Payment of costs, fees and charges in the sum of _____ deferred until _____ (date).
If not paid by said date, cause dismissed.
- For good cause shown, Applicant to make installment payments on said costs in the sum of _____
- weekly bi-weekly monthly commencing on _____ and a like amount each
- week two weeks month until total costs, fees and charges in the sum of _____ are paid in full.

Judge (Date entered)