

INFORMATION SHEET ON WAIVER OF COURT FEES AND COSTS
Minnesota Statutes § 563.01

If you cannot afford to pay court fees and costs, you may be able to proceed without paying fees and costs if:

1. You are receiving public assistance under one or more of the following programs:

Minnesota Family Investment Plan (MFIP), MFIP-Emergency Assistance, or MFIP-Diversionary Assistance; General Assistance or Emergency General Assistance; Medical Assistance or General Assistance Medical Care; Food Stamps; Supplemental Security Income; Minnesota Supplemental Assistance (MSA) or MSA-Emergency Assistance; Energy Assistance.

OR

2. You are represented by a legal services or volunteer attorney on behalf of a civil legal services program or a volunteer attorney program based on indigence.

OR

3. Your annual family income before taxes is less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for your family size as indicated below.

Maximum Income Level – 125% of Poverty

Please Check Your Family Size	Size of Family Unit	Annual Family Income Before Taxes	Monthly Family Income Before Taxes	Weekly Family Income Before Taxes
	1	\$ 11,075	\$ 922.92	\$ 212.98
	2	\$ 14,925	\$ 1,243.75	\$ 287.02
	3	\$ 18,775	\$ 1,564.58	\$ 361.06
	4	\$ 22,625	\$ 1,885.42	\$ 435.10
	5	\$ 26,475	\$ 2,206.25	\$ 509.13
	6	\$ 30,325	\$ 2,527.08	\$ 583.17
	7	\$ 34,175	\$ 2,847.92	\$ 657.21
	8	\$ 38,025	\$ 3,168.75	\$ 731.25

More than 8 members, add \$3,850 annually for each additional family member.

Number of family members: _____ Calculate and enter figure here: \$ _____

OR

4. Your income is not enough to pay for the common necessities of life for yourself and the people you support and also to pay court fees and costs.

To apply, complete the *Affidavit for In Forma Pauperis* and file with the Court Administrator.

If you have any questions and cannot afford an attorney, you may wish to consult the legal aid office, legal services office, or lawyer referral service in your county (listed in the yellow pages under “Attorneys”).