



**In The Circuit Court  
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois  
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois**

(Petitioner)
(Address)
(City/State/Zip)
VS.
(Defendant)
(Address)
(City/State/Zip)



Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Pending Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION TO SUE OR DEFEND AS A POOR PERSON  
(TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL)**

In order to complete this application you (and your spouse (if applicable)) must provide all supporting documentation

1. Affiant, \_\_\_\_\_ after being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and states:  
(Select one of the following paragraphs)
  - That I have filed an Application in the above captioned matter, to sue or defend as an indigent person.
  - That \_\_\_\_\_, who has filed a Petition to Sue or Defend as an indigent person is a disabled adult, and I am familiar with the facts stated herein.
  
2. That the Applicant is a recipient of assistance from the following benefit programs (check all that apply) and provide documentation from each program in which you receive benefits.
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Link card
<input type="checkbox"/> Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD)	<input type="checkbox"/> General Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transitional Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> State Children and Family Assistance	
  
3. The applicant's family unit contains \_\_\_\_\_ people (including self) (Check one)  Yes  No, the applicant's available income is 125% or less of the current poverty level as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. (See chart below)

You (and your spouse (if applicable)) need to provide a copy of your tax return.

<b>125% of HHS Poverty Guidelines Income Chart</b>	
<b>Size of Family Unit</b>	<b>Annual Income</b>
1	\$11,225
2	\$15,150
3	\$19,075
4	\$22,080
5	\$26,925
6	\$29,616
7	\$33,384
8	\$38,700
For each additional person add	\$3,925

4. (Check one)  Yes  No, the applicant is eligible to receive civil legal services as defined in Section 5-105.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/5-105.5).
5. (Check one)  Yes  No, the applicant is unable to proceed in an action without payment of fees, costs, and charges and the applicant's payment of those fees, costs, and charges would result in substantial hardship to the applicant or the applicant's family.
6. The employment of the applicant is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The applicant is (check one)  married or  unmarried. The employment status of the applicant's spouse is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The current income of the applicant is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ and the current income of the applicant's spouse is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The applicant is (check one)  receiving  paying child support in the following amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The applicant's monthly living expenses are as follows: (List the applicant's monthly living expenses. Do not include payments for debts or child support payments.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_
11. The applicant, in good faith, believes that he or she has a meritorious claim or defense.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 5/1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, each of the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this document are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiant

**ORDER**

- Application approved.
- Application approved in part. Applicant ordered to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in conjunction with and for filing fees.
- Application denied for the following reasons:
  - Income exceeds 125% of poverty guidelines.
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Filing Fees to be paid on or before \_\_\_\_\_. Failure to pay fees pursuant to this date may result in the cause being dismissed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge