

Getting Started

Application for Waiver of Court Fees (Supreme Court)

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use the *Application for Waiver of Court Fees* form in the Supreme Court. Your use of the form does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the form and file it with the court, read the *HOW TO ASK THE SUPREME COURT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPEAL FOR FREE OR AT A REDUCED COST* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

Name of the form:	<i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees (Supreme Court)</i>
Purpose of the form:	To ask the Supreme Court to let you participate in an appeal for free or at a reduced cost. A fee waiver obtained in a trial court or appellate court does not apply to fees charged for your appeal to the Supreme Court.
Types of cases the form CAN be used for:	All cases filed with the Supreme Court.
Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for:	This form cannot be used to waive fees charged in the trial or appellate court.
Cost to file the form:	None.
Special information or papers needed to complete the form:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will need to know your income and expenses information for the past 12 months. You also need to know the value of your belongings, including any real estate. If you are filling this form out on behalf of a minor or incompetent adult, you will need that person's information. If you get public benefits, you may want to bring current proof of eligibility and a benefits statement from the agency providing the benefit when you file your forms. If you don't get public benefits, you may want to bring documents showing your income, value of belongings (including real estate) and expense information when you file your forms.
Rules covering the form:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illinois Supreme Court Rule 313(f), 298 735 ILCS 5/5-105 and 5/5-105.5
Where to find the form and instruction sheet:	illinoiscourts.gov/documents-and-forms/approved-forms
Where to get access to a computer and scanner to file and serve:	The Supreme Court Clerk's office will have a computer and scanner where you can scan, save, and then use the computer to e-file and serve your document.
For more information:	Read the <i>How to Ask the Supreme Court to Participate in an Appeal for Free or at a Reduced Cost</i> instruction sheet that comes with this form. You may also contact the Supreme Court. You can find the contact information for the Supreme Court online at: illinoiscourts.gov/courts/supreme-court/staff-and-contact-information/