

# Getting Started

## Application for Waiver of Court Fees (Appellate 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* and *Order for Waiver of Court Fees* forms in the appellate court. Your use of the forms does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *How to Ask the Appellate Court to Participate in an Appeal for Free* instruction sheet and the instructions on the forms.

<b>Names of the forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees (Appellate Court)</i></li> <li>• <i>Order for Waiver of Court Fees (Appellate Court)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Purpose of the forms:</b>	To ask the court to let you participate in an appeal for free. If you previously obtained a trial court fee waiver, it does not apply to fees owed to the appellate court.
<b>Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:</b>	All cases filed with the appellate court.
<b>Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:</b>	This form cannot be used to waive fees owed to the trial court or court reporters for preparation of a record on appeal.
<b>Cost to file the forms:</b>	None.
<b>Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:</b>	<p>You will need to know income and expense information for the past 12 months and the value of belongings, including real estate, for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• yourself,</li> <li>• the people you support who live with you, and</li> <li>• If you are filling this form out on behalf of a minor or incompetent adult, you will need that person's information.</li> </ul> <p>If you get public benefits, you may want to bring a current proof of eligibility and benefits statement from the agency providing the benefit when you file your forms.</p> <p>If you don't get public benefits, you may want to bring documents showing your income and expense information when you file your forms.</p>
<b>Statutes covering the forms:</b>	There are no statewide rules covering the forms, but each appellate court will grant an <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees</i> in appropriate circumstances.
<b>Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:</b>	<a href="http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/">http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/</a> .
<b>For more information:</b>	<p>Read the <i>How to Ask the Appellate Court to Participate in an Appeal for Free</i> instruction sheet that comes with these forms. You may also contact the appellate court where you are filing your case. You can find the contact information for the appropriate appellate court at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/AppellateCourt/ClerksDefault.asp">http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/AppellateCourt/ClerksDefault.asp</a></p> <p>Find more information at:</p> <p><a href="http://illinoiscourts.gov/CivilJustice/LanguageAccess/Guide_for_Appeals_to%20the_Illinois_Appellate_Court.pdf">http://illinoiscourts.gov/CivilJustice/LanguageAccess/Guide_for_Appeals_to%20the_Illinois_Appellate_Court.pdf</a></p>