

# 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* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

<b>Names of the form:</b>	<i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees (Supreme Court)</i>
<b>Purpose of the form:</b>	To ask the Supreme Court to let you participate in an appeal for free. If you previously obtained a trial court or appellate court fee waiver, it does not apply to fees owed to the Supreme Court.
<b>Types of cases the form CAN be used for:</b>	All cases filed with the Supreme Court.
<b>Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for:</b>	This form cannot be used to waive fees owed to the trial court or appellate court.
<b>Cost to file the form:</b>	None.
<b>Special information or papers needed to complete the form:</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 form.</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 form.</p>
<b>Rules covering the form:</b>	Illinois Supreme Court Rule <a href="#">313(f)</a>
<b>Where to find the form and instruction sheet:</b>	<a href="http://illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/supreme/supreme.asp">illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/supreme/supreme.asp</a>
<b>Where to get access to a computer and scanner to file and serve:</b>	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.
<b>For more information:</b>	Read the <i>HOW TO ASK THE SUPREME COURT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPEAL FOR FREE</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: <a href="http://illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/supportstaff.asp">illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/supportstaff.asp</a>