

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
_____ COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

(Type or Print Petitioner's/ Plaintiff's Name)	Petitioner/Plaintiff;)	
)	
vs.)	No. _____
)	
(Type or Print Respondent/Defendant's Name)	Respondent/Defendant.)	

Petition & Order to Sue or Defend as an Indigent Person

I, _____ on oath state on my own behalf, or as:
 parent guardian other _____ of (name) _____
 a minor a disabled person that:

1. I am an indigent person under one or more of the following criteria:
 - a. I am a recipient of assistance under any of the following benefit programs:
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD)
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Food Stamps
 - General Assistance State Transitional Assistance State Children and Family Assistance
 - b. My available income is 125% or less of the current poverty level as established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
 - c. I am eligible to receive civil legal services as defined by 735 ILCS 5/5-105.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
 - d. I am unable to proceed in an action without payment of fees, costs, and charges and my payment of those fees, costs, and charges would result in substantial hardship to myself or my family.
 2. I provide the support for _____ child(ren) and/or dependants who live in my household.
 3. The nature and value of property owned by me is:
Real: _____ **Personal:** _____
 4. a. My employment status is as follows: unemployed employed, and my current income is \$ _____ per _____.
b. **(If married)** The employment status of my spouse with whom I do / do not live with is as follows:
 unemployed employed, and his/her current income is \$ _____ per _____.
 5. I am receiving paying child support in the following amount: \$ _____ per _____.
 6. My monthly living expenses are as follows: List your monthly living expenses. **(Do not include payments for debts or child support payments.)** _____
\$ _____ Total
- (Attach additional pages as needed)

7. I believe, in good faith, I have a meritorious claim or defense.
WHEREFORE, petitioner prays this Court to grant leave to sue or defend as an indigent person.

VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION

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

Petitioner/Plaintiff or Respondent/Defendant

IF YOUR PETITION IS GRANTED, THE COURT MAY ORDER YOU TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE FEES, COSTS OR CHARGES WAIVED OUT OF MONIES RECOVERED BY YOU PURSUANT TO ANY SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT RESULTING IN THIS CASE.

ORDER

Permission is hereby (granted) (denied) Petitioner to sue or defend as a poor person, and

If Petition is denied, reason(s) for denial: _____

Dated: _____ Enter: _____
Judge

125% of Federal Poverty Level

For the Year 2014

(pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/5-105.5)

Determined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Family Size	Annual Income	125% Annual Income	125% Monthly Income
1	\$11,670	\$14,588	\$1,216
2	15,730	19,663	1,639
3	19,790	24,738	2,062
4	23,850	29,813	2,484
5	27,910	34,888	2,907
6	31,970	39,963	3,330
7	36,030	45,038	3,753
8	40,090	50,113	4,176
For Each Additional Person Add	\$4,060	\$5,075	\$423