

IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA vs.

CASE NO. _____

Defendant/Minor Child

APPLICATION FOR CRIMINAL INDIGENT STATUS

____ I AM SEEKING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

OR

____ I HAVE A PRIVATE ATTORNEY OR AM SELF-REPRESENTED AND SEEK DETERMINATION OF INDIGENCE STATUS FOR COSTS

Notice to Applicant: The provision of a public defender/court appointed lawyer and costs/due process services are not free. A judgment and lien may be imposed against all real or personal property you own to pay for legal and other services provided on your behalf or on behalf of the person for whom you are making this application. There is a \$50.00 fee for each application filed. If the application fee is not paid to the Clerk of the Court within 7 days, it will be added to any costs that may be assessed against you at the conclusion of this case. If you are a parent/guardian making this affidavit on behalf of a minor or tax-dependent adult, the information contained in this application must include your income and assets.

1. I have _____ dependents. (Do not include children not living at home and do not include a working spouse or yourself.)
2. I have a take home income of \$ _____ paid () weekly () bi-weekly () semi-monthly () monthly () yearly
(Take home income equals salary, wages, bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips and similar payments, **minus** deductions required by law and other court-ordered support payments)
3. I have other income paid () weekly () bi-weekly () semi-monthly () monthly () yearly: (Circle "Yes" and fill in the amount if you have this kind of income, otherwise circle "No")

Social Security benefits.....	Yes \$ _____	No	Veterans' benefit.....	Yes \$ _____	No
Unemployment compensation.....	Yes \$ _____	No	Child support or other regular support		
Union Funds.....	Yes \$ _____	No	from family members/spouse.....	Yes \$ _____	No
Workers compensation.....	Yes \$ _____	No	Rental income.....	Yes \$ _____	No
Retirement/pensions.....	Yes \$ _____	No	Dividends or interest.....	Yes \$ _____	No
Trusts or gifts.....	Yes \$ _____	No	Other kinds of income not on the list.....	Yes \$ _____	No
4. I have other assets: (Circle "Yes" and fill in the value of the property, otherwise circle "No." Use the back of this form to provide additional information.)

Cash.....	Yes \$ _____	No	Savings.....	Yes \$ _____	No
Bank account(s).....	Yes \$ _____	No	Stocks/bonds.....	Yes \$ _____	No
Certificates of deposit or			*Equity in Real estate (excluding homestead)	Yes \$ _____	No
money market accounts.....	Yes \$ _____	No	*Equity means value minus loans. Also list		
*Equity in Motor Vehicles/Boats/			any expectancy in an interest in such property.		
Other tangible property.....	Yes \$ _____	No	List the address of this property:		
List the year/make/model and tag #: _____			Address _____		
			City, State, Zip _____		
			County of Residence _____		

5. I have a total amount of liabilities and debts in the amount of \$ _____,

6. I receive: (Circle "Yes" or "No")

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families-Cash Assistance.....	Yes	No
Poverty-related veterans' benefits.....	Yes	No
Supplemental Security Income (SSI).....	Yes	No

7. I have been released on bail in the amount of \$ _____. Cash _____ Surety _____ Posted by: Self _____ Family _____ Other _____

A person who knowingly provides false information to the clerk or the court in seeking a determination of indigent status under s. 27.52, F.S., commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, F.S., or s. 775.083, F.S. I attest that the information I have provided on this Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Signature of Applicant for Indigent Status

Date of Birth _____

Print Full Legal Name

Driver's license or ID number _____

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone number

CLERK'S DETERMINATION

____ Based on the information in this Application, I have determined the applicant to be () Indigent () Not Indigent

____ The Public Defender is hereby appointed to the case listed above until relieved by the Court. **This is an interim appointment pending the Clerk of Court determination.**

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

This form was completed with the assistance of

Clerk/Deputy Clerk/Other authorized person

APPLICANTS FOUND NOT INDIGENT MAY SEEK REVIEW BY ASKING FOR A HEARING TIME. Sign here if you want the judge to review the clerk's decision of not indigent. _____

**INFORMATION SHEET
APPLICATION FOR CRIMINAL INDIGENT STATUS**

1. You must submit this Application for Criminal Indigent Status before your next scheduled court date to assure representation of counsel. Make sure the case number(s) or citations number(s) are noted on the Application (if known).
2. Complete the Application and bring it in person to the Pretrial Services Department located at in the Justice Center at 1700 Monroe St, 3rd floor, Fort Myers, Fl. 33901.
3. The Application will be processed while you wait. A pretrial representative will determine indigence for appointment of counsel and advise you whether you qualify for the services of the Public Defender.
4. You will be responsible for paying the \$50 application fee prior to your scheduled court appearance. This fee is payable even if you are not appointed a public defender to represent you.
5. If you have any questions regarding the completion procedures for the attached Application for Criminal Indigent Status, please contact the Pretrial Services Department at (239) 533-8400 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.