

**WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE  
TRIBAL COURT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff/Petitioner

vs.

**Affidavit for Proceeding  
In Forma Pauperis**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant/Respondent

1. I request a court order waiving court fees and costs. I believe that I have valid reasons for pursuing this: (*check one*)  Civil  Family  Probate action.

2. I am a party in this action and in good faith I request an Order to proceed in forma pauperis.

3.  I am receiving public assistance under one or more of the following programs:  
SSI and/or MSA (The Supplemental Security Income and Minnesota Supplemental Assistance Programs);  
MFIP (Minnesota Family Investment Program);  
Food Stamps;  
General Assistance or Work Readiness;  
Medical Assistance or General Assistance;  
Medical Care;  
Energy Assistance;  
and/or Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4.  I am represented by attorney \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ a civil legal services program or volunteer attorney program, based on indigency.

5.  My annual family income before taxes is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which is less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Line for my family size of \_\_\_\_\_ members.

**Note: See the Court Administrator's office for a current poverty line schedule.**

***If you checked any of boxes 3 through 5 above, skip 6 and sign this document in the presence of a notary public.***

6.  I cannot support my family and myself and also pay court fees and costs. If you check this box, you must complete the following financial statement. (Items A-I)

A. There are \_\_\_\_\_ minor child (ren) residing with me.

B. My net (take home) monthly income is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The source of my monthly income is \_\_\_\_\_

D. I pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month in childcare or support.

E. I pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for rent/mortgage payment.

F. I own the following property:

1. Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Checking, savings and credit union accts \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cars, other vehicles (list make, year and equity value (market value minus unpaid loans) for each)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Real Estate \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other personal property (jewelry, stocks, bonds, etc. list separately)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

G. I am presently \$\_\_\_\_\_ in debt.

H. I am unable to pay the costs and expenses of this proceeding or to give security for such costs and expenses.

I. Other factors which support this are (explain unusual medical expenses, emergencies or other circumstances to help the Judge understand your situation):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Sign only in front of notary public or court administrator.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn/affirmed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public \ Deputy Court Administrator