

Local Form 6

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Western District of North Carolina**

**Instructions for Filing an
*Application for Waiver of the Chapter 7 Filing Fee for Individuals Who
Cannot Pay the Filing Fee in Full or in Installments***

The fee for filing a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code is \$306.

If you cannot afford to pay the fee either in full at the time of filing or in installments, then you may request a waiver of the filing fee by completing this application (NCWD Local Form 6) and filing it with the Clerk of Court.

A judge will decide whether you have to pay the fee. By law, the judge may waive the fee **only if** your income is less than 150 percent of the official poverty line applicable to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments. **The poverty guidelines are attached.** You may obtain additional information about the poverty guidelines at the United States Department of Health and Human Services website at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty>.

Required information. All items in the application and attached requested schedules must be answered in order for a proper determination to be made regarding allowance of your waiver of fee. If the question does not apply; write in not applicable or **n/a**. If the amount is zero or none use: **zero, -0-, none**. Sign the application on the last page. If you and your spouse are filing a joint bankruptcy petition, each of you must provide information as requested and sign the application. Your failure to timely comply with these requirements may result in the application being **denied**.

If your application is denied, an order will be entered directing the payment of the filing fee in installments.

**2012 Poverty Guidelines for the
48 Contiguous States and the District of
Columbia**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$11,170
2	15,130
3	19,090
4	23,050
5	27,010
6	30,970
7	34,930
8	38,890
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$3,960 for each additional person.	

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In re:

Chapter 7

Debtor(s). Case No. _____

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Part A. Family Size and Income

- 1. Including yourself, your spouse, and dependents you have listed or will list on **Schedule I, Current Income of Individual Debtors**, how many people are in your family? (Do not include your spouse if you are separated AND are not filing a joint petition.)

Number of people in family: _____

- 2. Restate the following information that you provided, or will provide, on **Line 16 of Schedule I, Current Income of Individual Debtor**. Attach a completed copy of Schedule I, if it is available.

Total Combined Monthly Income (line 16 of Schedule I): \$ _____

- 3. State the monthly net income, if any, of dependents included in Question 1 above. Do not include income already reported in Question 2. If none, enter \$0.

Monthly net income of dependants: \$ _____

- 4. Add the "Total Combined Monthly Income" reported in Question 2 to your dependents' monthly net income from Question 3.

Total of amounts in question 2 and question 3: \$ _____

- 5. Do you expect the amount in Question 4 to increase or decrease by more than 10% during the next 6 months?

Yes ____ No ____ If yes, explain: _____

Other (Describe): _____ Value: \$ _____
_____ Amount Owed: \$ _____

11. State below any person, business, organization, or governmental unit that owes you money and the amount that is owed.

Name of Person, Business, or Organization that Owes You Money	Amount Owed:
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Part D. Additional Information

12. Have you paid an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form, the bankruptcy petition, or schedules?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how much have you paid? \$ _____

13. Have you promised to pay or do you anticipate paying an attorney in connections with your bankruptcy case?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how much have you promised to pay or do you anticipate paying?
\$ _____

14. Have you paid **anyone other than an attorney** (such as bankruptcy petition preparer, paralegal, typing service, or other person) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form, the bankruptcy petition, or schedules?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how much have you paid? \$ _____

15. Have you promised to pay **anyone other than an attorney** (such as bankruptcy petition preparer, paralegal, typing service, or other person) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form, the bankruptcy petition, or schedules?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how much have you promised to pay or do you anticipate paying?
\$ _____

16. Has anyone paid an attorney or other person or service in connection with this case, on your behalf?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, explain: _____
