



Filing Fee Status

★ Those seeking assistance from our Program must fill out this form to ensure you financially qualify for our services. Please complete option A **OR** option B as appropriate.

OPTION A: I have submitted/will submit a Declaration of Financial Hardship form to the Court waiving their fee.

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OPTION B: I will send the \$50 filing fee to the Court.
(make check payable to U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and send to the Court using their address on opposite side)

If you are paying the Court's filing fee, please complete the information below:

Are you currently employed? Do NOT include any disability, welfare, social security, or other federal, state, or local benefits you receive.

NO Last year of employment: _____

YES Employer: _____
Monthly employment income: _____
Number of people in your household: _____

To meet our Program's financial requirements, your *employment* income cannot be more than twice the current poverty level (as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services).

★ **I state that the above is true and correct.**

Signature

Date

Print Name



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *Is the Court's Declaration of Financial Hardship (DFH) form or filing fee required for my case to be heard before the Court?*

A: Yes, the Court requires that you *either* send in the DFH *or* the \$50 filing fee.

Q: *Does completing your Program forms waive the Court's \$50 filing fee?*

A: No, the DFH is a form required by the Court to waive their fee. Our Program can send you a copy of their form if you need one.

Q: *Do I need to provide your Program or the Court with additional financial information along with the DFH?*

A: No, neither our Program nor the Court require additional paperwork to file the DFH.

Q: *Will sending the filing fee instead of the DFH get my case heard sooner?*

A: No, neither the filing fee nor the DFH affect the speed in which your case gets through the Court.

Q: *When and where do I send the DFH or Filing Fee?*

A: You have 14 days from the time the Court files your appeal to send the DFH to the Court. Send your DFH or Filing Fee to:

Clerk of the Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
625 Indiana Ave. NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20004-2950