

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AND PROMISE TO PAY

**application will be immediately denied if no answer is provided*

*Last Name: _____ *First Name: _____ MI: _____

SSN: _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

MAILING Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____ Gender: _____

Email Address: _____ Race: _____

Are you married? Yes _____ No _____ Are you a full time student? Yes _____ No _____

Are you in custody? Yes _____ → Where? _____

No _____ → Are you out on bond? → Yes _____ No _____

→ How much was paid on the bond? _____ Who paid it? _____

*What are the charges against you? _____

In what county(ies) are you facing charges? _____

Case Number(s): _____

Are you currently represented by an attorney in this case? Yes _____ No _____

Eligibility Determination

1. *Are you receiving any type of public assistance? (do not include social security, disability or unemployment comp.)

Yes _____ → What kind? _____ → How much per month? \$ _____

No _____

2. *Are you currently employed? Where are you employed? _____

Yes _____ → How much are you making? \$ _____ per hour and _____ hours per week

No _____ OR \$ _____ per month

3. *Are you receiving any other kind of monthly income? Do you have monthly expenses? Put the full amount below. **Complete all.**

Monthly Income

Monthly Expenses

- a. Spouse income (if married)^a _____
- b. Parent income (if dependent)^b _____
- c. Public assistance (line 1) _____
- d. Unemployment comp. _____
- e. Social security _____
- f. Retirement/pension _____
- g. Disability _____
- h. Other income _____

- a. Rent/mortgage _____
- b. Utilities _____
- c. Car payment _____
- d. Credit cards _____
- e. Child Support _____
- f. Alimony _____
- g. Bank loans _____
- h. Other (specify) _____

4. *Do you have any financial assets? (cash, vehicles, property, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, jewelry, etc.)

No _____

Yes _____ → MUST list ALL by type and approximate value, including the make/model/year of any vehicles:

5. How many children are you legally required to provide for? _____

Please list their ages _____

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- a. Spouse's income to be listed unless spouse is the alleged victim
- b. Parents' income to be listed if under 18 and dependent on parent(s) for support unless parent is alleged victim in the crime charged, or over 18 and full-time student, or dependent upon parent, or parent posted bond.

FEES

I understand that if I am accepted as a client by the Missouri State Public Defender (MSPD), I will owe a fee as set out in the chart below, even if I hire a private attorney after I apply for and am accepted by the Public Defender. No fee will be assessed for applicants who are charged as a juvenile or are under the age of 18 at the time of applying.

Entry with early withdrawal	\$25
Misdemeanors and Probation Violation Cases	\$125
Felonies, Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief	\$375
Felony Sex Cases	\$500
Murder Non-Capital and Civil Commitment Cases	\$750
Capital Murder Case	\$1,500

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PROMISE TO PAY

- I understand that lying on this application constitutes a crime.
- I understand MSPD may contact government agencies, credit bureaus, employers, banks or other financial institutions to verify my financial situation.
- My signature constitutes authorization for release of this information to MSPD.
- By signing, I agree that I am requesting the Public Defender to open cases in all of my pending criminal cases and represent me, and that I promise to pay the sum set out in the Fee section above on any case in which the Public Defender agrees to representation.
- I understand that MSPD may collect this fee in cases where the Public Defender has undertaken representation based on this application from monies payable to me such as income tax refunds and/or lottery winnings.
- I consent to MSPD utilizing electronic communication regarding my cases unless I have indicated otherwise by checking one or more of the following boxes: Do Not Text Do Not Email
- I understand that if accepted, I am entitled to my legal file at the conclusion of my case and that if I do not request my file within 10 years from the conclusion of representation, it may be destroyed.

Sign Here



_____ **Applicant Signature**

_____ **Date**

NOTICE

Every person charged or under suspicion of committing a crime punishable by jail or imprisonment is entitled to a lawyer. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer without substantial financial hardship to you or your dependents, the state will provide a lawyer for you if:

- You are detained or charged with a felony, including appeals from a felony conviction;
- You are detained or charged with a misdemeanor which will probably result in confinement in jail, including appeals from a conviction in such a case;
- You are detained or charged with a violation of probation and the judge determines your due process rights require a lawyer;
- When the federal constitution, state constitution or any law of this state requires the appointment of a lawyer.

Be advised that MSPD uses electronic communication, including but not limited to email and text messaging. Be aware that: (1.) electronic communication is not a secure method of communication; (2.) any electronic communication that is sent to you or by you may be copied and held by any or all computers or other devices through which it passes as it is transmitted; and, (3.) persons not participating in our communication may intercept our communications by improperly accessing either of our computers or other devices or another computer or device unconnected to either of us through which the electronic communication has passed. In the event you do not wish this form of communication, please notify MSPD; until such notification is received, MSPD may communicate with you electronically.

For MSPD Use Only – DO NOT COMPLETE

Indigent _____ Not Indigent _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

NCD: _____ Division: _____ Confined/Bond: _____ Location _____

Charges/Comments: _____