

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AND PROMISE TO PAY

NOTICE: ALL RESPONSES ARE REQUIRED. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS A CRIME.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

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

Mail Address: _____ Apt/Ste#: ____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Cellphone: _____ Alt. Number: _____ Email: _____

RACE	GENDER	MARITAL STATUS	PREFERRED PRONOUNS
<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to respond	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Nonbinary <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to respond	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Married ↓
			<input type="checkbox"/> He/Him/His <input type="checkbox"/> She/Her/Hers <input type="checkbox"/> They/Them/Theirs <input type="checkbox"/> Ze/Zem/Zers <input type="checkbox"/> Other or unsure, please ask me <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to respond

CHARGE INFORMATION	
Are you currently in custody? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES → Where? _____	Charges against you: _____ Counties charged: _____ Case Numbers: _____

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1. Do you have **ANY** financial means available to you to hire an attorney? (**Must** include **ALL** cash, savings, family support, trusts, investments, jewelry, livestock, machinery, and **ALL** equity in homes, properties, vehicles, or **ANY** other source of value)

NO YES → Total \$ value: \$ _____ Description: _____

2. Are you currently represented by a private (paid) attorney on **ANY** ongoing matter?

NO YES → Attorney Name: _____ Amount paid: \$ _____

3. Have you posted any bonds on any ongoing cases, in any county?

NO YES → Total \$ Amount cash bonds posted: \$ _____ Total \$ Amount surety bonds posted: \$ _____

4. Are you receiving SNAP, WIC, TANF, Medicaid, Public Housing, Childcare Assistance, Supplemental Security Income or similar public benefits? (**Do NOT** include disability, unemployment, veteran's benefits or social security retirement/disability on this line.)

NO YES → Types of benefits currently received: _____

5. Have you been represented by a Missouri State Public Defender in the past twelve (12) months (or currently)?

NO YES → Attorney Name: _____ Counties: _____

6. Are you currently employed or self-employed? (**Must** include **ALL** contract work, gig work, and odd jobs)

NO → Most recent employer: _____ Date last employed: _____

YES → Employer: _____ Monthly Income: \$ _____ OR: \$ _____/hour and _____ hours/week

7. Are you receiving any of the following sources of income? **Answer ALL** boxes below. If yes, list the full monthly amount:

Spouse income <small>*unless alleged victim</small>	Disability payments	Retirement or Pension	Unemployment Compensation	Veteran's Benefits	Social Security Retirement/Disability
<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↓	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↓	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↓	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↓	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↓	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES ↓
\$ _____ Monthly Amount	\$ _____ Monthly Amount	\$ _____ Monthly Amount	\$ _____ Monthly Amount	\$ _____ Monthly Amount	\$ _____ Monthly Amount

8. Are you receiving any other forms of income? Include the monthly amount and a short description of the income source:

NO YES → Monthly Amount: \$ _____ Description: _____

9. How many children are you legally required to provide for? _____ → please list their ages: _____

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*Spouse's income to be listed unless spouse is the alleged victim

Sec. 42.051 RSMo. requires agencies collect veteran status and inform eligible veterans about veteran services. MSPD does not use this information to determine eligibility for an attorney. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable? NO YES

MSPD does not offer its own veteran services, but State of Missouri services can be found at <https://veteranbenefits.mo.gov/>

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 this chart, 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 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 understand this Application and Promise to pay is not a confidential attorney-client communication. The Public Defender may provide it to other government authorities (including the court) for determining eligibility for services.
- 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.
- **I understand that providing false information on this application constitutes a crime.**



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 Ineligible case Financial Means Bond Private counsel Income Incomplete

Approved _____ Denied _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

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

Charges/Comments: _____