

COMPLETING YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement will be used in court at the temporary hearing. It is shown to the Judge in order that an accurate financial decision may be made in your case. Please be as accurate as possible on determining each monthly figure. The calculations are for expenses on yourself and your child(ren) only. Do not include expenses for your spouse. If the Judge asks you how you came up with a particular amount on your form, you must be prepared with an answer. On a separate piece of paper indicate how you arrived at each figure which is not a recurring expense like rent and daycare. To get monthly amounts for weekly expenses, please multiply the weekly figure by 52 and divide by 12, do not multiply by 4.

Under the "housing" category, if you are moving to other housing but have not done so yet, please contact several apartment complexes or houses you would be interested in living in and put down an average cost.

Under the "personal insurance" category, write down only the amount of insurance that does not come out of your pay check. (Also, be sure to list insurance that does come out of your pay check under the income section below.)

For the "charge accounts and other payments" category, list the name of account and total due on the account to the left and the monthly minimum amount due in the column at the right.

If there are expenses such as automobile insurance or automobile payments that your spouse currently pays, write the amount on the left side of your figure and on the right side write "spouse pays direct."

Although you may not have at this time (and the Judge may not consider) the money for grooming, eating out, entertainment, etc, be sure to write down a figure that would be reasonable in your situation.

What ever you do, do not exaggerate your figures. On the other hand, do not underestimate them, either.

Completing your form accurately using this information sheet and writing legibly will save you money. It will eliminate calls from this office to verify answers, to inquire, and/or clarify answers.

Please wear appropriate attire to court. For example, shorts and jeans are not appropriate. Suit and tie are not required.

Thank you.

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