

Information
Bankruptcy Court Filing Fee
Application for Waiver of Fee or Request for Payment of Fee in Installments

The court fee for filing a bankruptcy case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code is **\$299.00**

You can apply for 1) waiver of this fee or 2) request that the fee be paid in installments.¹

The form is *Application for Waiver of the Chapter 7 Filing Fee for Individuals Who Cannot Pay the Filing Fee in Full or in Installments*, Official Form 3B (10/05).² The Form *Schedule J – Current Expenditures of Individual Debtor(s)*, B6J (6/90)³, is filled out and attached to the Application.

LSNV has Modified These Forms Making them Fill-Inable

These forms can be filled-in on a computer monitor. Go to Legal Services of Northern Virginia's, [Public Forms](#), or click on:

- [Application for Waiver of the Chapter 7 Filing Fee for Individuals who Cannot Pay the Filing Fee in Full or in Installments](#) or
- [Schedule J – Current Expenditures of Individual Debtor\(s\)](#)

The Application is in three parts:

1. instructions;
2. request for financial information; and
3. the order.

This Application and Schedule J are filed 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.

If you are able to pay the filing fee in installments, a judge will tell you whether you can file your bankruptcy petition, completing payment of the fee over the course of **four to six months**.

Required information. Complete all items in the application, and attach requested schedules. Then sign the application on the last page. If you and your spouse are filing a joint bankruptcy petition, you both must provide information as requested and sign the application.

¹ 28 U.S.C. § 1930(f)(1)

² http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/CPA2005/8_Form_IFP.pdf

³ <http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/official/b6j.pdf>