

CHEROKEE COUNTY INDIGENT DEFENSE
Physical Address: 94 NORTH STREET, 3rd Floor
CANTON, GA 30114
678-493-6190

You have been given an opportunity to apply for a court appointed attorney and must bring in the following paperwork to be interviewed to determine if you qualify.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FEE AND ATTORNEY FEE: Georgia law requires every person who applies for legal defense services under Chapter 12 of Title 17 to pay the Public Defender office (the entity providing the services) a single fee of \$50 for the application for, receipt of, or application for and receipt of such services (O.C.G.A. Section 15-21A 6 (b)). However, this application fee may not be imposed if the payment of the fee is waived by the court in which you are appearing. The court shall waive this fee if it finds that you are unable to pay the fee or that hardship will result if the fee is charged. (O.C.G.A. Section 15-21A 6 (b)). Attorney fees for court-appointed representation may also be imposed by the court at sentencing.

There is a \$50.00 application fee that you will need to pay in the form of:
cash, money order, certified check, debit or credit card.

THIS FEE WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO CHEROKEE COUNTY CLERK OF COURT
You will pay the Clerk of Court (90 North Street – State Court 1st Floor/Superior Court Ground Floor)
THEN bring in the receipt with your paperwork to apply.

1. **Receipt for payment of the \$50.00 application fee with ALL COURT PAPERWORK** pertaining to your charges.
2. **NOTARIZED LETTER** from whomever is providing a home to you (example: Parents, friend, Grandparents).
If you pay rent to the said individual; include the amount in the notarized letter.

OR **No. 2 is either Your Rental/Lease or the Notarized Letter.**

A RENTAL/LEASE AGREEMENT OR MORTGAGE INFORMATION

*Note: If you are paying or own your own home, you must provide a copy of your mortgage or closing statement and a statement from them showing the original loan amount and how much you presently owe on the home.

3. **VERIFICATION OF INCOME**
 - MUST BRING the past **TWO WEEKS** of **ANY SOURCE OF INCOME** you have received. (EXAMPLE: employment, SSI, Disability, student loans, financial aid)
 - *If an individual is currently “helping out” by giving you any type of income, you must bring a **NOTARIZED STATEMENT** from the individual(s) saying how much he/she has given you in the past **two weeks**.
4. **PAST TWO MONTHS OF BANK STATEMENTS (checking and savings)**
5. **ALL THE BILLS** you currently pay/paid in the last **TWO MONTHS**.
 - *These bills might include utilities, such as power, water, gas, cable, trash, car payment, insurance, etc.
6. If you pay or receive any **CHILD SUPPORT**. Bring in verification and how much you pay/receive.
7. If you receive **FOOD STAMPS**. You must bring proof (on paper not just a card) showing how much you receive.

***IF YOU ARE MARRIED OR LIVE WITH ANYONE AS A COUPLE** – spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend, you must a/so bring in the same information that applies to them such as:

- **The rent/lease.**
- **Past TWO weeks of any source of income.**
- **Past TWO months of bank statements.**
- **All the bills he/she pays (past two months).**

For any other questions you may have, please call the number listed at the top of the page.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- **INTERVIEWS ARE DONE ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ONLY BETWEEN 9-11 AM. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.**