

No. 25-5794

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Jasmine Golden v. Amazon

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the North Carolina Supreme Court

Jasmine Golden — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

Amazon — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☐ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

Guilford County Superior Court, North Carolina Court of Appeals,

Supreme Court of North Carolina

☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____

_____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

[Signature]
(Signature)

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**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Jasmine Golden, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Substitute Teacher Tutor/Learning Support Employment	\$ <u>1,200</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>450</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): <u>EBT benefit:</u>	\$ <u>179.50</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>292</u>	\$ _____
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/food stamps)				
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>1,379.50</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>742</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
National Heritage Academies	3850 Broadmoor Ave.	April 2023-June 2025	\$ 1,517.99 (2024 Tax Return 2023)
	Grand Rapids, MI 49512		\$ 3,528.02 (2025 Tax Return 2024)
			\$

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.			\$ N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ None. Petitioner is unmarried (divorced).
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
	\$	\$
Checking	\$ 79.00	\$ N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.
	\$	\$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☐ Home N/A. Petitioner rents and does not own property. N/A, Petitioner is unmarried. ☐ Other real estate Value None. N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.

☐ Motor Vehicle #1 2019 Honda CRV Year, make & model 2019 Honda CRV ☐ Motor Vehicle #2 Year, make & model N/A, Petitioner is unmarried. Value Unknown. Vehicle is for my daughter when she has her Driver's License.

☒ Other assets Description None. N/A, Petitioner is unmarried. Value N/A

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
None. N/A	\$ None. N/A	\$ N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.
N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
Lily E. Buckley	Daughter	19
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ 1,300	N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 560	\$ _____
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ N/A	\$ _____
Food	\$ 450	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ 100	\$ _____
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 150	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 15	\$ _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>90</u>	N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ _____	\$ _____
Life	\$ _____	\$ _____
Health	\$ _____	\$ _____
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>80</u>	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ _____	\$ _____
Credit card(s)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Department store(s)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ _____	\$ _____
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly expenses:	\$ _____	N/A, Petitioner is unmarried.

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

Unknown. I continue to seek full-time employment.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I am currently only minimally employed as a Tutor and am unable to continue to work as a Substitute Teacher as the school year is now ended. Additionally, I have no standing contract and am not guaranteed employment in any position as such with the organization I've been employed with during the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 school years (National Heritage Academies).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: August 29, 2025



(Signature)