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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Maurice Cruz-Webster — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.

Attorney General Delaware — 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):

Superior Court of Delaware, Supreme Court of Delaware,  
United States Court of Delaware, and United States Court of Appeal Third Circuit

☐ 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.

Maurice Cruz-Webster  
(Signature)

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**AFFIDAVIT TO ACCOMPANYING MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO PROCEED IN  
FORMA PAUPERIS**

**Affidavit in Support of Motion**

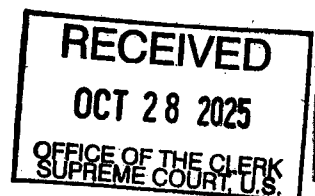
I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that, because of my poverty, I cannot prepay the docket fees of my appeal or post a bond for them. I believe I am entitled to redress. I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under United States laws that my answers on this form are true and correct. (28 U.S.C. § 1746; 18 U.S.C. § 1621.)

**Instructions**

Complete all questions in this application and then sign it. Do not leave any blanks: if the answer to a question is "0", "none", or "not applicable (N/A)", write that response. If you need more space to answer, attach a separate sheet of paper identified with your name, your case's docket number, and the question number.

Signed: Maurice Cruz Webster

Date: 10/13/25



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

I, Maurice Cruz-Webster, 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
Employment	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</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): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
			\$
			\$

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	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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

☐ Home  
Value N/A

☐ Other real estate  
Value N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #1  
Year, make & model N/A  
Value N/A

☐ Motor Vehicle #2  
Year, make & model N/A  
Value N/A

☐ Other assets  
Description N/A  
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

N/A

Amount owed to you

\$ N/A

Amount owed to your spouse

\$ N/A

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  
N/A

Relationship  
N/A

Age  
N/A

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.

Rent or home-mortgage payment  
(include lot rented for mobile home)

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,  
water, sewer, and telephone)

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

Food

Clothing

Laundry and dry-cleaning

Medical and dental expenses

You

Your spouse

\$ N/A

\$ N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Health	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>
<b>Total monthly expenses:</b>	\$ <u>1</u>	\$ <u>1</u>

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.

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? \$10,000

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

Michael Modica

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'm in Prison and don't have  
enough money

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

Executed on: October 13, 2025

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(Signature)

JAMES T. VAUGHN CORRECTIONAL CENTER  
INMATE REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED TRUST FUND  
ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF PRIOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD

TO: Mrs. Tonya Smith  
Support Services Manager  
James T. Vaughn Correctional Center  
Smyrna, Delaware 19977

DATE: 10/13/2025

FROM: Maurice Cruz-Webster  
Inmate Name (Please Print Name)

00614945  
SBI#

--- I HEREBY CERTIFY --

Pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) (2), Effective April 26, 1996, I am requesting a certified Statement of my Institution Trust Fund Account for the previous six-month period. Please forward same to me.

Maurice Cruz-Webster  
Signature

(28 U.S.C. § 1746 and 18 U.S.C. § 1621)