

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(b),
FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are involved in a family law case which requires a **financial affidavit** and your individual gross income is UNDER \$50,000 per year.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a **notary public**. You should **file** the original with the **Clerk and Comptroller** in the county where the **petition** was filed and keep a copy for your records.


What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other **party** in your case, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. This must be accomplished within 45 days of service of the petition.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read “General Information for Self-Represented Litigants” found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in “**bold underline**” in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Petitioner’s Request for Confidential Filing of Address**,  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

The affidavit must be completed using **monthly** income and expense amounts. If you are paid or your bills are due on a schedule which is not monthly, you must convert those amounts. Hints are provided below for making these conversions.

Hourly - If you are paid by the hour, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Hourly amount	×	Hours worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	×	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount

Daily - If you are paid by the day, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Daily amount	×	Days worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	×	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount

Weekly - If you are paid by the week, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Weekly amount	×	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount


Bi-weekly - If you are paid every two weeks, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Bi-weekly amount	×	26	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount

Bi-monthly - If you are paid twice per month, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Bi-monthly amount	×	2	=	Monthly Amount
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Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**,  Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also

must put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.