

VETERANS' LEGAL AID SOCIETY

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

IMPORTANT: READ AND RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS
TO BE RECEIVED BY THE ORGANIZATION:
WITHIN 30 DAYS**

***This program is contingent upon annual funding by our donors.**

The Veterans' Legal Aid Society, funded by private donors, is an awarded program available to Illinois veterans and their families with financial need who require the assistance of an attorney. You must adhere to the following application guidelines in order to qualify for full consideration.

ALL APPLICANTS

In order to demonstrate financial need, all applicants must provide the most recent filed tax returns, with all attached schedules, W-2s and 1099s. Additionally, all applicants must provide documentation of veteran's status through a copy of the DD-214. Applicants who receive Social Security or VA Disability benefits must provide a copy of a dated award letter. Bank statements (at least three months) may also be requested.

AWARD

After verification of eligibility, the Board members will meet to ascertain the amount of assistance that it could provide to the applicant through pro bono attorney time or funding towards the legal assistance of our registry attorneys. The dollar amount of these awards is contingent upon the level of funding the organization receives and is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Call or write the executive director, Nina Vidmer, of Veterans' Legal Aid Society.

VETERANS' STATUS

Branch of service: _____

Dates of service: _____

Were you honorably discharged? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, please explain on a separate sheet.

CITIZENSHIP STATUS (check one):

____ I am a U.S. citizen.

____ I am a permanent resident alien.

____ I am a non-U.S. citizen or non-permanent resident alien and possess the following category of VISA (specify): _____

ETHNIC ORIGIN (check one*):

____ Alaskan Native

____ American Indian

____ Asian

____ Black (non-Hispanic)

____ Hispanic

____ Pacific Islander

____ White (non-Hispanic)

(*Failure to disclose your ethnic origin will not disqualify your application)

I certify that I have read and understood the conditions for participation in this program. The information I am supplying in this application is true, complete, and correct. By signing the form, I also grant permission for information pertaining to my financial need, and all supporting application materials, to be released by to the Board of the Veterans' Legal Aid Society. NOTICE: If you purposely give false information, you may be subject to fine, or imprisonment, or both.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

VETERANS LEGAL AID SOCIETY

1018 W. MADISON ST., STE. 9, CHICAGO, IL 60607

OR VIA EMAIL TO INFO@VETERANSLEGALAID.ORG