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# Financial Affidavit Document Checklist

WHAT TO GATHER FOR AN ILLINOIS DIVORCE

Every Illinois divorce involving money, property, or support uses the statewide Financial Affidavit (Family & Divorce Cases). It lists your income, monthly expenses, debts, and assets, and you sign it under penalty of perjury.

The form says you must attach supporting documents if you have them or can get them. Gathering everything below before you start makes the form faster to fill out and easier to back up if the other side questions a number.

## Income

*Required attachments under the form and, in Cook County, Circuit Court Rule 13.3.2.*

| ✓ | Document | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ | Most recent pay stub showing year-to-date earnings | Cook County Rule 13.3.2: if your pay stub does not show year-to-date totals, bring your five most recent stubs |
| ☐ | Federal and state income tax returns, last two years | Complete returns, including W-2s, 1099s, K-1s, and all schedules |
| ☐ | W-2s, 1099s, and K-1s for last year | Especially if last year's return has not been filed yet |
| ☐ | Records of other income not on your pay stub | Bonuses, commissions, overtime, rental income, unemployment, Social Security, pensions |
| ☐ | Business tax returns (if self-employed or a business owner) | The form asks for complete federal and state business returns for the most recent tax year |

## Support you pay or receive

| ✓ | Document | Notes |
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| ☐ | Copy of any existing support order | Maintenance or child support from this or a prior case |
| ☐ | Proof of payments | Cancelled checks, bank records, or court or State Disbursement Unit payment records |

## Assets

*The form asks for documents verifying the assets you list.*

| ✓ | Document | Notes |
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| ☐ | Bank statements | Checking and savings accounts, including accounts in your name only |
| ☐ | Retirement account statements | 401(k), 403(b), IRA, pension, and deferred compensation |
| ☐ | Investment and brokerage statements | Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, crypto accounts |
| ☐ | Real estate records | Deed, recent mortgage statement, property tax bill |
| ☐ | Vehicle titles and loan statements | Cars, boats, motorcycles |
| ☐ | Life insurance policies | Especially any with cash value |
| ☐ | Business ownership records | If you own all or part of a business |

## Debts

*The form asks for documents verifying the debts you list.*

| ✓ | Document | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ | Mortgage and home equity statements | Most recent statement for each loan |
| ☐ | Credit card statements | Every card, including cards only in your name |
| ☐ | Car loans, student loans, and personal loans | Most recent statement for each |
| ☐ | Medical bills and other debts | Anything you owe that you will list on the form |

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## Monthly expenses

*Not required attachments, but you need these numbers to fill out the living expenses section accurately.*

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| ☐ | Rent or mortgage, utilities, and phone bills | Use a few months of bills to get a real monthly average |
| ☐ | Insurance premiums | Health, dental, vision, life, auto, and homeowner's or renter's |
| ☐ | Child-related expenses | Child care, tuition, activities, and children's medical costs |
| ☐ | Out-of-pocket medical costs | Copays, prescriptions, therapy |
| ☐ | Tax refunds or amounts owed, last two years | The form has a separate section for this |

## County rules to know

- Cook County: under Circuit Court Rule 13.3.1, the petitioner serves the Financial Affidavit within 30 days after serving the petition, and the respondent within 30 days of filing an appearance or at least seven business days before any hearing, whichever comes first. It is exchanged, not filed with the Clerk; you file a certificate of service instead.
- DuPage County: under Local Rule 15.05, the Financial Affidavit is not filed with the Clerk. You file a certificate of compliance and proof of service showing it was exchanged.
- Will County: check your judge's standing order on the Circuit Clerk's Judge Rules page for any local requirements.

## Questions about your case?

This checklist is not a substitute for an attorney. Every case is different, so talk with an attorney before you file anything. Support and property decisions are built on the Financial Affidavit. If you want a lawyer to review yours before it goes to the other side, call LaRocque Law at (312) 584-3456 or visit larocque-law.com.

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