

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

Brenda K. Washington-Wheeler,  
Plaintiff,

Case No. 08-cv-14960

vs.

DISTRICT JUDGE ANNA DIGGS TAYLOR  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE STEVEN D. PEPE

COMMISSIONER OF  
SOCIAL SECURITY,  
Defendant.

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**ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT PLAINTIFF’S APPLICATION  
TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS (Dkt. #2)**

On November 28, 2008, Plaintiff filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. #2). All pre-trial matters were referred under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) on December 1, 2008 (Dkt. #3). 28 U.S.C. §1915 provides that “any court of the United States may authorize the commencement, prosecution or defense of any suit, action or proceeding, civil or criminal, or appeal therein, without prepayment of fees or security . . .” District courts have discretion to grant or deny a motion requesting *in forma pauperis* status under 28 U.S.C. §1915(a). Proceeding *in forma pauperis* is a privilege and not a right. *Shobe v. People of the State of California*, 362 F.2d 545, 546 (9th Cir. 1966).

Having reviewed Plaintiff’s application, it appears to be incomplete. In Section 2 of the application, there was a request to indicate if in the past 12 months Plaintiff had received money from any sources. Plaintiff indicated that she received money from “e. Other sources.” Section 2 then requires that if the answer were “yes” to any of the sources of income, Plaintiff was to state

the source of the money and the amount received. Plaintiff's application is blank as to this needed follow-up answer. Plaintiff is directed to indicate the source of the money she referred to in 2(e) "Other sources" and the amount she received.

**SO ORDERED.**

s/Steven D. Pepe  
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: December 4, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served on the attorneys and/or parties of record by electronic means or U.S. Mail on December 4, 2008.

S/V. Sims  
Case Manager