

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

PRISCELLA SAINTAL-BOWMAN,
Plaintiff,
v.
DAWNYELL FLYNN,
Defendant.

Case No.: 2:25-cv-00369-ART-NJK

Order Denying Incomplete Application and Setting Deadline

(Docket No. 1)

10 On February 26, 2025, *pro se* plaintiff Priscella Saintal-Bowman, an inmate in the custody
11 of the Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and
12 applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Docket Nos. 1, 1-1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in*
13 *forma pauperis* is incomplete because Plaintiff did not include the acknowledgement page of the
14 application or a financial certificate and an inmate trust fund account statement for the previous
15 six-month period with the application.

16 The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from
17 parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). As of December 1, 2023, the fee for filing a
18 civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55 administrative fee. *See*
19 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to
20 the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma*
21 *pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a
22 completed **Application to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the
23 Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed
24 **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by
25 both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust**
26 **fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2);
27 LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the
28 filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

1 Accordingly, for the reasons stated above,

2 IT IS ORDERED that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Docket No. 1, is

3 **DENIED** without prejudice.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, no later than **May 5, 2025**, Plaintiff must either pay the
5 full \$405 filing fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all
6 three required documents: a completed application with the inmate's two signatures on page 3; a
7 completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate and the prison or jail official; and
8 a copy of the inmate's trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order, this
10 action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice. A dismissal without prejudice allows
11 Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a
12 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

13 The Clerk of the Court is **INSTRUCTED** to send Plaintiff Priscella Saintal-Bowman the
14 approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the
15 same and retain the complaint, Docket No. 1-1, but not file it at this time.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 DATED: March 5, 2025.

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NANCY J. KOPPE
21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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