

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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MARK D. LARSEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Defendant.

ORDER

Case No. 14-cv-284-wmc

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Plaintiff Mark D. Larsen has filed a proposed civil complaint. He requests leave to proceed without prepayment of fees and/or costs and has supported his request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3,700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this case, plaintiff is unemployed and is a student. He receives approximately 7,000 a semester in financial aid. Plaintiff has no substantial assets. Accordingly, plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion filed by plaintiff Mark D. Larsen for leave to proceed without prepayment of fees (Dkt. # 2) is GRANTED.

2. No further action will be taken in this case until the court has screened the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Once the screening process is complete, a separate order will issue.

Entered this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/  
PETER OPPENEER  
Magistrate Judge