

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

---

AMY GABEL,

Plaintiff,

v.

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL,

Defendant.

ORDER

Case No. 14-cv-352-wmc

---

Plaintiff Amy Gabel has filed a proposed civil complaint and asks for leave to proceed without prepayment of the filing fee. She supports her 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 currently unemployed. Plaintiff's annual income from previous employment within the past 12 months was \$8,391.14. She has one dependent, so her adjusted annual income is \$4,691.14. 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 Amy Gabel 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/  
PETER OPPENEER  
Magistrate Judge