

Reduced Fee Referral

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can get free legal help from Shore Legal Access?

Shore Legal Access provides free legal help to people who make less than 50% of Maryland's median income. This is a requirement from our funder that we must follow.

If you don't qualify for our free services, you still might be able to get help from a lawyer at *a reduced rate*.

What is a Reduced Fee Referral?

Shore Legal Access partners with lawyers willing to provide legal services for \$150 an hour or less. Some lawyers might charge a flat fee, depending on the service.

How do I see if I qualify?

This chart shows what 70% of Maryland's Median income is by family size. Use it to see if you qualify for the Reduced Fee Initiative.

Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$49,665	\$4,139	\$956
2	\$64,947	\$5,412	\$1,250
3	\$80,228	\$6,686	\$1,544
4	\$95,510	\$7,959	\$1,838
5	\$110,792	\$9,233	\$2,132
6	\$126,072	\$10,506	\$2,426
7	\$128,939	\$10,745	\$2,482
8	\$131,804	\$10,984	\$2,537
9	\$134,669	\$11,222	\$2,592
10	\$137,535	\$11,461	\$2,647



What happens if I qualify?

Shore Legal Access will talk with you to learn more about your legal problem and your ability to pay for legal help. We will then do the work to connect you with a lawyer who is willing to accept a reduced fee if they agree to take your case. Shore Legal Access cannot guarantee that a lawyer will accept your case.

If we find a lawyer willing to take your case, we will give you their contact information.

At this point, Shore Legal Access is no longer involved in the process. It is your responsibility to contact the lawyer and to work out your payment details.

If you have a civil legal issue and you aren't sure if you qualify for our services, contact us today to see what your options are. Call 410-690-8128 or visit shorelegal.org/get-help.