



Maryland Court Help

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Can't afford the cost of a transcript for your appeal?

If you have appealed your case to the Appellate Court of Maryland, **you may be eligible for a waiver of the costs of preparing the transcript.**

Who is Eligible?

You may be eligible if:

- You have filed an appeal with the **Appellate Court of Maryland**; AND
- You **represent yourself** OR you are represented by a lawyer from an **approved civil legal aid provider**.
- You meet the **income guidelines**. Your income must fall within the current guidelines published by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation:
<https://www.mdlab.org/get-help-services/income-guidelines/>

For more information on how to apply and to find the form you will need, **visit** www.mdcourts.gov/acm/transcriptassistance.



What Case Types?

You may apply for the waiver if your case involves any of the following:

- Child custody, child access, or child visitation
- Child support
- Domestic violence (protective order cases)
- Peace order

When to Apply:

Apply for the transcript cost waiver after you have filed your appeal with the circuit court and when the Appellate Court of Maryland instructs you to provide a transcript.

How to Apply:

Begin by contacting the circuit court where your original case was heard.

The Appellate Court of Maryland will review all applications and decide whether to cover the costs of the transcript. If the court denies your request, that decision is final.