

# Supreme Court of Kentucky

2023-03

## ORDER

**IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE,  
PART XV, SLIDING SCALE OF INDIGENCY**

Effective February 1, 2023, Administrative Procedures of the Court of Justice, Part XV, Sliding Scale of Indigency, is amended as follows:

Under KRS 403.761(4)(a), KRS 431.517(4)(a), KRS 453.190(2), KRS 456.100(4)(a), and KRS 533.250(3)(a), the Supreme Court hereby adopts the following sliding scale of indigency:

<b>Federal Poverty Guidelines</b>	<b>Percentage Respondent is to Pay</b>
200%	100%
175%	75%
150%	50%
125%	25%
100%	0%

The Federal Poverty Guidelines are established annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The 2023 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia may be found in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 88, No. 12, January 19, 2023, pp. 3424-3425, or as set forth below:

<b>2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States</b>	
<b>Persons in family</b>	<b>Poverty guideline</b>
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560
For families with more than 8 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person.	

If a judge finds that the fee would impose an undue burden on the respondent, the judge may reduce or waive the fee. The sliding scale is intended only as a guideline for judges, who are encouraged to use discretion in applying the factors listed on Form AOC-275.14 when making an indigency determination.

The sliding scale will be updated annually to reflect the most current Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Entered this 1st day of February 2023.

All sitting; all concur.

  
CHIEF JUSTICE