

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

DENNIS EASTMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

ORDER

11-cv-858-bbc

Plaintiff Dennis Eastman has filed a civil suit pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for review of a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying plaintiff's application for social security disability benefits. Plaintiff seeks to commence this lawsuit without prepayment of the filing fees and costs or providing security therefor, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

To determine whether a plaintiff qualifies for indigent status, the court uses the following calculation. From plaintiff and his spouse's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3700 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 more than \$32,000, plaintiff must pay the \$350 filing fee. Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

From plaintiff's affidavit of indigency, I find that he and his wife have a monthly income of \$4,172.30 or an annual income of \$50,067.60. Plaintiff has no dependents. Therefore, plaintiff is able to prepay the fees and costs of commencing this action in the amount of \$350.

IT IS ORDERED that Dennis Eastman's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is DENIED. Plaintiff must pay the filing fee of \$350 no later than January 24, 2012. If he fails to do so, this action may be dismissed for his failure to prosecute it. Upon receipt of plaintiff's payment, the clerk of court shall issue summonses and forward them to plaintiff's counsel for service.

Entered this 30th day of December, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge