

**GENERAL POLICY FOR  
APPLICATION AND MOTIONS TO INCUR DEBT FOR  
VEHICLES WHILE IN CHAPTER 13 CASE**

1. Debtor(s) may not incur any non-emergency consumer debt in excess of \$1,000.00 without written approval of the Trustee or order of the Court.
2. The following is the Chapter 13 Trustee's procedure for incurring consumer debt in excess of \$1,000.00.
3. A request to incur consumer debt in excess of \$1,000.00 other than the relief requested in paragraph 9 below, shall be made by completion of the Application to Incur Debt located later in this document.
4. The application with the supporting documents requested in the application shall be submitted to your paralegal or attorney at Simon Fitzgerald, LLC for their review. An in-office or telephone appointment will typically be necessary in order to review the submitted documents and application prior to submission to the Chapter 13 Trustee or the Court. The supporting documents and loan criteria shown in the application form should be reviewed carefully. Applications which lack the required supporting documentation or which are contrary to the loan criteria shown in the application may be denied.
5. Once submitted, the Chapter 13 Trustee will notify the Debtor(s)' in writing of the approval or denial of the request. The Chapter 13 Trustee will also file with the Court either a Chapter 13 Trustee's Notice of Approval of Debtor's Application to Incur Debt or a Chapter 13 Trustee's Notice of Denial of Debtor' Application to Incur Debt.
6. Upon the filing by the Trustee of a notice of approval of Debtor(s)' application, Debtor is authorized to incur debt according to the terms set forth in the application.
7. Upon the filing by the Trustee of the notice of approval for a non-vehicle debt, Debtor must file within 30 days the amended budget which was submitted to the Trustee in support of the application.
8. Upon the filing by the Trustee of a notice of denial of Debtor(s)' application, Debtor may resubmit an application to the Trustee or seek permission from the Court to incur debt by filing a motion with the Court.
9. A request to incur consumer debt which includes the following relief will not be granted by the Chapter 13 Trustee. Permission to incur consumer debt which includes the following relief should be made solely by a motion filed with the Court:
  - a. Purchase or refinancing of a home;
  - b. Ratification of a sale already completed;
  - c. Sale or trade in of collateral or other estate property;
  - d. Substitution of collateral.

**General Trustee Guidelines for  
Application and Motions to Incur Debt for Vehicles**

**Procedure:**

- Application is accepted by approved forms.
- Application with supporting documentation must be submitted to your paralegal or attorney either in person or by email. An in-office or telephone appointment will typically be necessary in order to review the submitted documents and application prior to submission to the Chapter 13 Trustee or the Court.

**Trustee Review Criteria:**

- Vehicle must be reasonable and necessary.
- Vehicle must be 10 years old or newer.
- Purchase price of vehicle must be \$20,000.00 or less.
- Monthly payment must not exceed \$500.00.
- Interest rate for new vehicle must be 18% or less and for a used vehicle must be 24% or less.
- Loan term for a new vehicle must be 72 months or less and for a used vehicle must be 60 months or less.
- If down payment contemplated/required, application must disclose source of down payment and amount.
- Debtor's plan payments must be current.

**Limits to Trustee review:**

If Application includes the following relief, the Trustee is not like to approve these requests and the debtor will need to file a Motion to obtain the requested relief:

- Sale and/or Trade-in of old vehicle
- Use or authorization of insurance proceeds for purchase of vehicle.

**Application to Incur Debt for Vehicles**

The application with the supporting documents requested in the application shall be submitted to your paralegal or attorney at Simon Fitzgerald, LLC for their review. An in-office or telephone appointment will typically be necessary in order to review the submitted documents and application prior to submission to the Chapter 13 Trustee or the Court. The supporting documents and loan criteria shown in the application form should be reviewed carefully. Applications which lack the required supporting documentation or which are contrary to the loan criteria shown in the application may be denied.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Debtor 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Debtor 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason to Incur Debt:

Purchase Vehicle

Purchase Used Vehicle

Have you made any previous loan requests while in bankruptcy? Yes\_\_\_\_ or No\_\_\_\_ If Yes, provide the date, amount, was the debt granted or denied, and payment status:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Terms of Financing: Loan Amount: not to exceed \$20,000

Monthly Payment: not to exceed \$500.00

Term of Loan: not to exceed 72 months (new) or 60 months (used)

Interest Rate: not to exceed 18% (new) or 24% (used)

Down Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

If down payment is necessary, what is the source of the down payment: \_\_\_\_\_.

Will the monthly payment of this new loan be made in addition to, or in replace of some other payment that you currently pay directly or in your Chapter 13 Plan? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

*Before this application can be reviewed you must submit the following:*

- Provide 60 days of pay records in order to prepare an amended Schedules I and J
- Any loan documents, purchase agreement, or financing information with your application.
- This application must be complete and signed by both Debtors, if applicable.

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- Court. The supporting documents and loan criteria shown in the application form should be reviewed carefully. Applications which lack the required supporting documentation or which are contrary to the loan criteria shown in the application may be denied.
- Your request must be within the guidelines provided to be considered.

Signature of Debtor 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Debtor 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When applying for a loan, please review the Trustee's criteria for approval:

**IF APPLYING FOR VEHICLE LOAN REQUEST:**

- Vehicle must be reasonable and necessary.
- Vehicle must be 10 years or newer.
- Purchase price of vehicle must be \$20,000.00 or less.
- Monthly payment must not exceed \$500.00.
- Interest rate for new vehicle must be 18% or less and for a used vehicle must be 24% or less.
- Loan term for a new vehicle must be 72 months or less and for a used vehicle must be 60 months or less.
- If down payment contemplated/required, application must disclose source of down payment and amount.
- Debtor's plan payments must be current.

**Supplement to Buyer's Order**  
**Terms of Financing - Vehicle**

**Debtor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Case #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Dealership:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Address  
of Proposed Lender:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number  
of Proposed Lender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number  
of Proposed Lender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Down Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Financed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum: \$20,000.00)

**Interest Rate:** \_\_\_\_\_%  
(Maximum: 18% new; 24% used)

**Monthly Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum: \$500.00)

**Term of Loan:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum: 72 Months - new, 60 Months - used)

**\*Note: Vehicle must not be more than 10 years old and have no more than 18,000 miles per year. No GAP insurance, exended service contracts or extended warranty contracts.**

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(Signature of Dealer)