Before we can file: you have to get a Certificate of Consumer Credit Counseling!

The Hurricanes of 2005 caused the United States Trustee to delay Credit Counseling in the Western District of Louisiana. On March 10, 2008, that delay ended. Under the Bankruptcy Reform Act, you cannot file any personal Bankruptcy without getting a Certificate of Consumer Credit Counseling from an agency approved by the U.S. Trustee.

You can secure this counseling from any agency approved by the U.S. Trustee. But for your convenience, we have made arrangements with an agency that is set up to handle this on a telephone call. They will send us a completion certificate that we can provide the court when we file your case. Your case cannot be filed without this certificate, so do this before you bring back your papers for us to prepare your case, or if you want us to start, be sure to complete it before we file. WE WILL NOT FILE UNTIL THERE IS A CERTIFICATE, BECAUSE THE CASE WILL BE DISMISSED!

At the time of returning this questionnaire we will need the following:

- 1. Completed questionnaire
- 2. Copies of recent pay stubs for the last six months, INCLUDING THE 60 DAYS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE YOUR CASE IS FILED
- 3. Copy of pictured ID and Copy of Social Security card.
- 4. Copy of State and Federal tax returns for the past 2 years
- 5. Copy of last 3 bank statements (for all accounts)

NOTICE REGARDING INCOME TAX - RETURNS AND REFUNDS:

IF WE FILE A CHAPTER 7, THE TRUSTEE WILL REQUIRE YOUR TAX RETURN FOR THE YEAR OF FILING IN ADDITION TO THE TWO PAST YEARS. THE TRUSTEE GETS ANY REFUND YOUR ARE ENTITLED TO AT THE TIME OF FILING THE CASE.

IF WE FILE A CHAPTER 13, THE TRUSTEE MUST GET A COPY OF YOUR TAX RETURN EACH YEAR DURING THE PLAN, AND MOST DEBTORS MUST GIVE THE TRUSTEE THEIR INCOME TAX REFUND DURING THE FIRST 3 YEARS OF THE PLAN. FAILURE TO TURN OVER TAX REFUNDS AND RETURNS CAN LEAD TO DISMISSAL OF YOUR CASE AND GIVE CREDITORS THEIR COLLECTION RIGHTS BACK.

NOTICE - AFTER WE FILE

BEFORE YOUR DEBTS CAN BE ERASED

REMEMBER:

BOTH OF YOU HAVE TO GET A CERTIFICATE

AFTER TAKING A DEBTOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSE

We have provided information on the agency or agencies offering this, and suggested one you can work with on the telephone. The agency we work with will send us your certificate by electronic mail. However, you may choose any approved agency on the U.S. Trustee's list. The new Law in 2005 mandated that people filing Bankruptcy have to get pre-filing "Consumer Counseling", which can be by phone or Internet, as well as in person. But also, there is another requirement, for Financial Management Training. In Chapter 13, the Trustee will provide this. In Chapter 7 its up to YOU!

Your debts will not be erased unless you take care of this.

The best approach is to make the call right after we file your case, that way its done and nothing will stand in the way of your FRESH START!

YOU HAVE TO GET A CERTIFICATE

AFTER TAKING A DEBTOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSE

PART ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT DEBTORS

1-A HUSBAND: Full Name _____ Soc. Sec. #_____ 1-B WIFE: Full Name _____ Soc. Sec. #____ ___ My address is the same as husband (If so skip the rest of this question) Check the answers off on each of the following, Yes No Own or operate a business? Yes No Owned or operated a business in the last 24 months?. Yes No Ever used any other names, including a name of a business of yours? If yes, please list names for each of these questions: Tax ID# Tax ID# ___Yes ____ No Less than two years at your current address? If yes, give us your address(es) for last two years: Address: When: Address: When: Yes No Resident of your Parish less than 180 days? **INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BILLS AND PAYMENTS:** Yes No Paid anybody "extra", meaning more than \$1,000 (other than the regular payment) on a bill during the last 90 days? If yes, please give complete details of the payment(s) Name of Creditor: Amount: Name of Creditor: Amount:

Name of Creditor:	
Amount:	
	mber, partner or other associate more than \$1,000
explain the purpose of the loan or bill: If yes,	, please name the person paid, the amount paid, and
explain the purpose of the loan of oil.	
Name of Person Paid in last year:	
Amount:	
Relationship to the Person:	parent spouse ex-spouse
brother/sisterbusiness partne	
	(court proceedings) against you to try and collect a
debt?	All Dalis and All Van
and skip next)	e(If you attach a copy of the Petition just check Yes
1. Name of Creditor:	Name of
Court:	
Court Case or Docket Num	iber:
Kind of Case: bill injury case	e charge account or credit card
car loan home loan amount l	
cui foun nome foun unfount f	en aner forcelosure
2. Name of Creditor:	Name of
Court:	
Court Case or Docket Num	ber:
Kind of Case: bill	injury case charge account or credit
card car loan home loan	_ amount left after foreclosure
Yes No Any creditor picked up.	either by your agreement or a foreclosure suit, or
	was owned by your for payment of any debt? If
the answer is NO, skip next.	
	picked it up, when, what the item was, what the item
was valued at (worth) and how much you owed	<u>1.</u>
1.Name of Creditor:	
Item picked up:	Value when picked up:

Date picke	d up:	Balance	due on acc	count: _	
Lawsı	uit or foreclosure.	Voluntary S	urrender	(Did y	you sign an
agreement for rel	easing the balanc	e due? Yes)			
2. Name o	f Creditor:				_
		Value wh			
Date picke	d up:	Balance	due on acc	count: _	
Lawsı	uit or foreclosure.				
Volum	tary Surrender	(Did you sign an	agreemen	it for re	leasing the
balance due?	Yes)				
you owe them? DETAILS SHEET: Yes No created any debt in much, etc. on the DYes No Sig year? Give us all deend of this question. List any gifts or ass	S found at the end of Within the last 90 of mediately before for ETAILS SHEETS and a mortgage or etails, who, when, hanaire	of this questionnair days, have you char iling bankruptcy? found at the end of done any transfer on the work, etc. on the	rged anythi Give us all this questi of any type one DETAIL	ng to a c details, s onnaire. of prope S SHEE	eredit card or who, when, how erty during the last
12 months, only for in somebody's nam	gifts valued at ove	r \$500, including p	roperty or a	assets yo	ou have just "put
Thing Given	Value	Who Given To	Date Give	n	Purpose

Yes	No Have you suffered a fire, theft or other loss in the last year? If you have,
Please list wha	at was lost, how, and its value. Provide information on DETAILS SHEETS at the
end of this for	rm.
others in an ac \$100. Provide	No Claims, Lawsuits, other property. (Include any claims you have against cident case, rights in a succession, or any other property or asset with a value of over edetails on any claims including the name and address of your attorney.) Provide on DETAILS SHEETS at the end of this form.
Yes	No Payments to Attorneys/Debt Counselors? Show the payments to lawyers
	relors in the last year, including the name and address of the service, amount paid ncludes Consumer Credit Counselors, Inc.)
Environments Yes, please pro	No Do you have any property, or any business, that has been cited by the al Protection Agency for pollution or other violation of environmental laws? If ovide complete details with a separate written statement, or copies of EPA documents. ETAIL SHEET AT THE END OF THE FORM
Yes	No Within the last year, did you divide property with a former spouse in a
	was the property comprised of Real Estate? Yes No
Was th	ere a written property contract ? Yes No (If Yes, attach that contract)
Was th	he property simply movables and household goods? Yes No
NAME AND	CURRENT ADDRESS OF SPOUSE DIVORCED IN THE LAST YEAR:
agreement to	No Have any rental contract or lease for a building, auto, machinery or an perform work under a contract that is not yet complete? If Yes, please to this questionnaire or describe that here.
Yes the bank, box	No Had a safe deposit box during the last year? If so, give the name of number and contents.

DEBTS, BUDGET SECTION

Thing	Owner's Name	Value	Owner Address	Location
	No Closed any bank a		ck accounts or other ac	
eld assets, stock	Type of Account	ast 12 month Date Close		Acct. Numbe
eld assets, stock	ks or cash within the l	1		
eld assets, stock	ks or cash within the l	1		
eld assets, stock	ks or cash within the l	1		
	ks or cash within the l	1		1

Yes No	Any of your lo	ans or bills also signed by	someone else as c	o-signer or
guarantor? If Yo signer.	es, give the name	e of the bill here, and include	le the name and add	dress of the co-
Bill Name (Who is owed)	Co-signer Name	Co-signer Address (Complete including street, city, zip code)	Money Used For (What you did with the money)	Amount
	NFORMATI	ION ABOUT INCOM	E AND EXPE	NSES .
INCOME Please list children 1/2 of their support	-	ndents who live with you o	r depend upon yo	u for more than
Name		Age Relati	on:	
		Age Relat	ion:	
Name		11ge Relati		

BUDGET INFORMATION ABOUT INCOME AND EXPENSES

		pendents who liv	e with you or dep	oend upon you for more than
Name		Age _	Relation: _	
Name		Age _	Relation: _	
Name		Age _	Relation:	
I-1	HUSBAND'S INCO	ME		
	A CHECK NEXT TO E. details after that: Wages			RE GETTING. You will give
	Alimony	Social Secur	ity Retirement _	Social Security Disability
	Pension or Retire	ement P	rivate Disability	Income other
I-2(a)) Identify Husband's	Employer		
	Job Description (what do	you do at work)		
	Name of Business:			
	Mailing Address of Emp	loyer:		
				Zip Code:
	How long has husband w If you have another job, j copy of this part and filli	please provide the	same information	for the second job by making a
•		ES HE GET A	PAYCHECK	? (Nobody gets "bi-weekly",
which	is two times a week) Once a wee	k	Two times	s a month (1st and 15th)
	Once a mor	th	Every two	weeks (for example, every other
			Friday)	
	By the job		Other	

skip this part) Payroll Information: Gross Amount (before Taxes Withheld	deductions)	
Fadaral	Health Inc	
State	40117	
Unemployment		nt
Retirement Withheld		
Is your overtime just d	Yes No uring part of the year? Yes e paid overtime and how much:	No
I -2 (d) Husband's Pas	t Income: LAST YEAR:YEAR BEFORE LAST	' :
us the details after that:	EACH KIND OF INCOME YOU AF	S
Alimony	Social Security Retirement _	Social Security Disability
Retirement _	Private Disability Income	other
I-2(a) Identify Wit	fe's Employer	
Job Description:		
Name of Business:		
Mailing Address of En	nployer:	
If you have another job	orked for this employer?o, please provide the same information lling in all information for each job on	for the second job by making a

I-2(c) AMOUNT HE IS PAID EACH TIME (You may attach the last 3 pay stubs and

	OES SHE GET A PAYCHECK? Every two weeks (for example, every other Friday)
Once a month	
Two times a mon	
Other	
I-2(c) AMOUNT SHE I stubs and skip this part) Payroll Information:	S PAID EACH TIME (You may attach the last 3 pay
Gross Amount (before deduction	ons)
Taxes Withheld	
Federal	Health Ins.
State	401K
Unemployment	Loan Payment
Retirement Withheld	Savings
Overtime? Yes Is your overtime just during pa Describe when you are paid ov	rt of the year? Yes No
I-2(d) Wife's Past Income:	LAST YEAR:YEAR BEFORE LAST:
I-3 OTHER INCOME TO THE	E FAMILY FROM ANY SOURCE
Please include any other inco	me amounts coming in, from any source, including
benefits, contributions from family	members, and show what is received on a monthly basis:
Rents Received	Interest
Dividends	Minerals
Soc. Security	Welfare
Retirement	Child Support
Alimony	Other Income:
For each monthly amount, provide of	complete detailed information on the DETAIL

INFORMATION SHEETS at the end of this form.

16

YOUR COST OF LIVING

The next section is the expense part of your budget. This information may be verified by the United States Trustee, or the Court. Accurate amounts are required to file under Chapter 7 (liquidation) or Chapter 13 (payment plan)

These are the regular household expenses. It is understood that some of these are based on your estimate, but they have to be reasonable and if possible, base them on past experience. It may be that some things you haven't spent in the recent past, such as entertainment, need to be put in these numbers so that you have a realistic budget.

Do not include the debt that the Bankruptcy will Discharge (erase), but do include things like your car and house payment if we are re-affirming those (keeping). This is important and detail is necessary here.

Don't try "varies" because that is not a number. Numbers that vary have to be included as an average. For example, we might consider the past year and come up with an estimate. We have to come up with our best estimate. The best way is to look at what you've done in the past, except that if you have been paying a lot of debt, we may need to adjust some things up to show a normal budget.

Household Expenses on Monthly Basis: (you need to estimate this based on what you've spent in

the past and expect to spend once we stop collection efforts with your Bankruptcy Filing) Rent/House Note \$_____ Mobile Home Lot Rent \$_____ House Insurance \$_____ (Leave blank if included in note) House Maintenance\$ Garbage \$_____ Water \$____ Cable TV \$_____ Clothes \$_____ Food Laundry/Cleaning \$_____Doctor Bills \$_____Medicine \$ Transportation \$_____ (Gasoline, auto repairs, bus fares, NOT PAYMENTS) Recreation/Clubs / Entertainment\$_____ Periodicals/Books \$____ Charities \$ INSURANCE (don't include here if we show a payroll deduction for the insurance) Life Insurance \$_____ Health Insurance \$_____ Auto Insurance \$_____ Auto Payments \$_____ \$____ (Only show for cars you are going to keep) Other Monthly Payments (On secured loans for things you will keep) Thing Amount per month \$_____ Thing Amount per month \$ Alimony/Child Support Payments \$_____ Put Name & Address of who you pay to on

DETAILS SHEET AT E	ND OF FORMS	
Other Expenses \$	(School fees, tuition etc.	Explain in your own words.)
Any other monthly	expenses:	

NOTE- Under the 2005 Bankrutpcy Reform Act these expenses may be limited by law. We will have to review yours to determine whether the law allows the amounts you currently spend or not. INFORMATION ON YOUR BILLS:

Please list your debts, and provide the information needed in each column. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO GIVE US THE CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS AND ACCOUNT NUMBER. We have to use the address used to send your bills, so located that. If there is a dispute about the bill, that is, you don't think you owe the amount claimed, indicate that and write what you think you do owe.

We can run a CREDIT BUREAU REPORT for you if you're not sure what your bills are. But the Credit Report may not include every bill. When you sign the Bankruptcy papers you will say under oath that all your bills are included. Any bill not listed may not be discharged.

<u>Include all the things you are keeping</u>. The court needs to know what is being re-affirmed. This form is not just for debts that are going to be discharged.

D-1 AUTO & HOME LOANS (Show the details for auto loans and home loans. This includes any bills which the property is used to secure, so not just the loan when you bought the property, but second mortgages and new loans where the creditor has the car or home as security. Even if we are keeping a secured bill, we must show the Bankruptcy Court the details on the debt, so list it here.)

Creditor Name	Creditor Address	Account Number	Describe Car or Home and state if 1 st or 2 nd Mortgage?	Total Owed

D - 2 OTHER LOANS WITH SECURITY ITEMS (Include here those bills that are secured by furniture, land, or other items. Sometimes loan companies will indicate a few items on the loan documents as such security. This group includes accounts like SEARS if you are paying on an appliance or riding lawnmower or some other "hard goods")

Creditor Name	Creditor Address & Account Number	Items or Things Listed as Security	Value of Items	K e e p	Total Owed	Monthly Payment

D - 3 CREDIT CARDS, MEDICAL BILLS, SIGNATURE LOANS WITHOUT SECURITY, ANY OTHER DEBTS (List in this group your medical bills, credit cards, charge accounts, bank charges, repair bills and any other bill that you owe or <u>might</u> owe. This would include bills from during a marriage after the marriage ends, just to protect you. It would also include claims that someone might bring up against you, such as for an accident.)

Creditor Name	Creditor Address (must be correct and complete)	Kind of Account & Account Number (credit card, medical bill, rent, repair, whatever)	Total Owed (Its o.k. if this is not exact)

Creditor Name	Creditor Address (must be correct and complete mailing address, city & zip code)	Kind of Account & Account Number (credit card, medical bill, rent, repair, whatever)	Total Owed (Its o.k. if this is not exact)

Creditor Name	Creditor Address (must be correct and complete mailing address, city & zip code)	Kind of Account & Account Number (credit card, medical bill, rent, repair, whatever)	Total Owed (Its o.k. if this is not exact)

D - 4 TAXES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEBT (This includes Income Tax, Withholding Tax for a business, Government Guaranteed Student Loans, other debts to government)

Name & Address of Collecting Agency (Full Name and mailing address)	Loan Number	Description (What type of debt? Income Tax, Student Loan, whatever.)	Total Due

D- 5 GIVE US THE NAME OF ANY OF THE LISTED BILLS OR DEBT THAT IS IN THE HANDS OF AN ATTORNEY OR COLLECTING AGENCY. INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUCH A BILL COLLECTOR. (This will allow us to list the bill collector as an additional party to be given notice, so that collection efforts will stop when the Bankruptcy is filed with the Court.)

Creditor Name (Who had the original bill for you)	Debt Collector Name (Who is contacting you)	Debt Collector Address & Account Number (Check your collection letters for the mailing address)	Have you listed the original debt in these papers? (You need to give us the details in the previous questions)

WHAT DO YOU OWN? YOUR PROPERTY AND ASSETS (Your rights in Bankruptcy are connected to a duty to truthfully disclose your ownership of things, even though you are retaining them or they are exempt. Be sure you give us complete information because it is a Federal Crime to lie about your property in the Bankruptcy Papers. THIS INCLUDES SHARES OF PROPERTY DONATED TO YOU OR "IN YOUR NAME", INCLUDING SHARES OF LESS THAN A 100% INTEREST) Yes No P-1 LAND (Even if you are retaining the property, we need the details) Value (Best **Description**(What kind of **Location or Address Creditor holding** land? City Lot with a house? (City property has an address. value available) Mortgage or lien & Country property? How many Country property will be in a **Account Number** certain Parish or location) acres or what size?) (Details should be in the creditor form earlier in the packet) P-2 HOME _____ Yes ____ No Describe it, including bedrooms, bath rooms, square feet, brick, wood or if you own a Mobile Home, provide the following details: Year of Purchase: _____ Original Price: _____ Size: ____ by ____ Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Monthly Payment Paying to: (should also be on the Secured Debt Schedule earlier in form with complete mailing address) Do you intend to keep this home? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you behind on payments? _____ Yes ____ No Number of payments missed:_____

P3 - Automobiles, Trucks, Motorcycles, Tractors, other vehicles (Don't forget, even if you are keeping a car, we need the full information on it)

Make (Brand Name)	Model (Type of vehicle)	Year	Mileage	Date You Bought	Price Paid	Estimate d Value (If you know)	Lender or Mortgage (Be sure the details are listed in the Secured Bills table)

Please list which of your cars/ trucks you want to keep:

Which car /truck is used to get to work?

P - 4 Furniture/ Appliances Remer we still need accurate information. We u	•	exempt", meaning its not taken from you, but nase to estimate value.
Washer Year of Purchase:	Dryer	Year of Purchase:
Range Year of Purchase	-	
Refrigerator Year of Purchase	Freeze	r Year of Purchase
Television(s) Brand:	Size:	Year Purchased
Brand:	Size:	Year Purchased
Brand:	Size:	Year Purchased

Any Other major appliances:

Furnitu	re:
	Living Room Couch Recliner Loveseat
Others	Total Value Living Room:
	Bedrooms, List and estimate value:
	Dining or Kitchen Table & Chairs Hutch or Cabinet
Other f	urniture:
	ewelry: Include description and value, date of purchase. (Include only items whose ual value would be more than \$100, unless in a collection which has a total value over \$100)
V	Vedding Rings Engagement & Bands, Value (These are Exempt)
O	ther Jewelry:

P-6 Hobby Equipment, Guns, Collections. (Include only items with a value of over \$100 or collections that have that value. If a collection, provide a description.)

Yes No P-7 Bank and Other Accounts (List each account of each type, whether stock, IRA, 401K, Savings, or Checking. Remember, even exempt accounts such as your retirement have to be listed)

Name of Bank or Broker	Type of Account (Is this a Bank Account, Stock Fund, whatever)	Address of Bank or Broker (Complete mailing address)	Source of funds (Where did the money come from for this account)	Balance in Account (Current balance)	Any co- owners? Liens? (Anyone else named on account? Is the account pledged for a loan?)

28

WARNING - FEDERAL LAW MANDATES CRIMINAL PENALTIES

THE INFORMATION IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS INTENDED FOR USE IN PREPARATION OF YOUR FILING UNDER THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY CODE.

YOU WILL SIGN DOCUMENTS SWEARING TO THE ACCURACY OF THIS

INFORMATION, AND IT WILL NOT BE A DEFENSE TO CLAIM THAT YOU DID

NOT TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE DOCUMENTS.

TAX RETURNS AND INCOME

Hiding Income, Property or otherwise not being honest could cause you serious problems in the future, including Criminal Prosecution! You must have filed Tax Returns for every year required by law, or the case can be dismissed. We will need copies of your last two years' returns, and you will be required to give the Trustee in your case copies of Tax Returns, in Chapter 7 cases (Regular Bankruptcy) the Trustee gets returns that apply to a period of the year your case if filed. In Chapter 13 Plan Cases, two years before filing and then every year during your plan payments.

PRIVACY POLICY:

The information we receive from you is not shared with any other party or entity, other than as required by the United States Bankruptcy Code. We maintain the attorney-client privilege regarding information your provide to the extent that we can do so while providing the Bankruptcy Court the information that the law says must be included. Files in the Bankruptcy Court may be Public Record, and third parties have access to the Bankruptcy papers filed with the Clerk of Court. We will not disclose any information other than that which is necessary to your representation in the case, and to any work we do for re-affirmation of debts with creditors, other than such information which is public record under the law. The Bankruptcy Court requires pictured I.D. and Social Security Card by photocopy in the file of the case with the Court. The file in our office is private and confidential.

DETAIL INFORMATION SHEETS Use these extra pages for additional information we need on other questions, such as former spouses, descriptions of law suits, or anything else:

DETAIL INFORMATION SHEETS Use these extra pages for additional information we need on other questions, such as former spouses, descriptions of law suits, or anything else:

DETAIL INFORMATION SHEETS Use these extra pages for additional information we need on other questions, such as former spouses, descriptions of law suits, or anything else: