

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Raymond P. Aylor, IV v. Commissioner, Social Security  
Administration

Aylor · No. 6:24-cv-00481-AA · Decided April 9, 2026

SUMMARY

This is an order from the United States District Court for the District of Oregon awarding Raymond P. Aylor \$6,736.72 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act and \$405.00 in costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920. The order addresses payment procedures, including potential offset for debts owed to the federal government, and was dated April 9, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the District of Oregon                                              |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Ann Aiken                                                                                            |
| DECIDED               | April 9, 2026                                                                                        |
| DOCKET                | 6:24-cv-00481-AA                                                                                     |
| DISPOSITION           | other                                                                                                |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Order awarding attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act and costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Unknown; district court order                                                                        |
| PARTIES               | Raymond P. Aylor, IV v. Commissioner, Social Security Administration                                 |

TOPICS

attorney fees costs administrative law civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security administrative law attorney fees costs

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Plaintiff should receive attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
- Whether Plaintiff should recover the \$405 filing fee as costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920.
- How the fee award should be paid if Plaintiff owes a debt to the federal government.

## HOLDINGS

1. The court awarded Plaintiff \$6,736.72 in attorney fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412.
2. The court awarded Plaintiff \$405.00 in costs for the filing fee pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1920.
3. Consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, payment should be made to Plaintiff's counsel if the Commissioner confirms that Plaintiff owes no debt to the federal government; if Plaintiff has such debt, any remaining funds after offset should be paid to Plaintiff and mailed to counsel's address.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$6,736.72 are hereby awarded to Plaintiff, pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 and costs of \$405.00, for the filing fee, pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1920.”*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff sought an award of attorney fees and costs in connection with his Social Security action. The court awarded \$6,736.72 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act and \$405.00 in costs for the filing fee. Payment was conditioned on whether the plaintiff owed a debt to the federal government under the treasury offset program.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Following proceedings in the Social Security action, the court entered an order awarding Plaintiff \$6,736.72 in attorney fees under the EAJA and \$405.00 in costs for the filing fee. The order directed payment to Plaintiff's counsel unless Plaintiff owed a federal debt subject to offset.

## DISPOSITION

other

## CASES CITED

- *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010)

## OPINION

Aylor

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

RAYMOND P. AYLOR, IV, Case No. 6:24-cv-00481-AA Plaintiff, ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY

FEES PURSUANT TO EAJA & COSTS

vs. PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C § 1920

COMMISSIONER,

Social Security Administration, Defendant. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$6,736.72 are hereby awarded to Plaintiff, pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 and costs of \$405.00, for the filing fee, pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1920. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010), if the Commissioner confirms that Plaintiff owes no debt to the Government through the federal treasury offset program, payment of this award shall be made by check made payable and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel, Katherine L. Eitenmiller, WELLS, MANNING, EITENMILLER & TAYLOR, P.C., 474 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97401. If Plaintiff has such debt, the check for any remaining funds after offset shall be made out to Plaintiff and mailed to counsel's address provided above.

Dated this   9  th day of   A\_p\_r\_i\_l   2026.   /s\_/\_A\_n\_n\_  
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