

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

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)