

Sample Language for a Qualifying Legal Process

(Note: A legal process (an alimony and/or child support garnishment order) must meet the requirements of 5 U.S.C. § 8437(e)(3) and 5 C.F.R. part 1653, subpart B. The Thrift Savings Plan will honor any legal process that meets these requirements. Use of the format below is not required.)

[court name]

Petitioner)
vs.)
Respondent)

ORDER FOR GARNISHMENT OF A TSP ACCOUNT

WHEREAS by order of this court [participant's name, Social Security number (SSN), and address] was required to pay alimony and/or child support to [payee's name, SSN, address, and relationship to participant];

AND WHEREAS [participant's name] has failed to meet this obligation and is currently \$_____ in arrears;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) pay to [payee's name] \$_____ from the [civilian and/or uniformed services] TSP account(s)* of [participant's name] to satisfy the obligation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the earnings will be paid on the amount of the entitlement under this ORDER until payment is made. (**Note:** This paragraph is optional.)

Dated: _____

BY THE COURT:

Judge's signature

* If the participant has both a civilian TSP account and a uniformed services TSP account, the legal process must expressly identify the account to which it relates.