

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

The following is an informational guide to assist people applying for a marriage license in Blue Earth County or seeking the services of a judge to preside in their wedding.

WHERE TO APPLY:

Marriage licenses are available at the Blue Earth County License Center during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. You may apply in any county of the state regardless of where you live or intend to have the marriage ceremony performed. Once the license is issued, you may use it anywhere in the state within six (6) months. It is not valid for use in states other than Minnesota.

Both parties to be married must apply for the license and their signatures must be notarized. Identification must be provided for both parties. If there are prior marriages that have been terminated through death, divorce or annulment, a date and court/place of termination must be provided. Other information needed to complete the application includes the following:

- Legal names of both parties
- Address and state of residence
- Date of birth
- Information regarding previous marriages/felony convictions
- If a minor; the names and addresses of parents and legal guardians
- Full names the parties wish to use after marriage
- Social Security Numbers

COST OF THE LICENSE:

The Legislature has set the fee for a marriage license at **\$110.00**. The marriage license fee for parties who have completed at least 12 hours of premarital education is **\$40.00**. In order to qualify for the reduced fee, the parties must submit a signed and dated statement from the person who provided the premarital education confirming it was received. The premarital education must be provided by a licensed or ordained minister or the minister's designee, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under section 517.18, or a person authorized to practice marriage and family therapy under section 148B.33. The education must include the use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills. The license is valid six months from the date issued. No Refunds.

WAITING PERIOD:

There are no blood tests or other requirements to marry in Minnesota. However, there is a waiting period.

Seven day waiting period:

1. If applicant(s) do not have a felony conviction for a crime committed on or after August 1, 2000 under MN Law or the law of another state or federal jurisdiction or,
2. If the applicant(s) have a felony conviction for a crime committed on or after August 1, 2000 but are not requesting a name change.

The waiting period means that once you have applied for the license, five days must pass before it can be issued. This waiting period can only be waived by a judge in case of an emergency or extraordinary circumstances. At the conclusion of the five days, you can either pick up the license or leave directions where it should be mailed.

Thirty day waiting period:

1. For any applicant that answered YES to the question "Does one or both of the parties have a felony conviction for a crime committed on or after August 1, 2000 under MN Law or the law of another state or federal jurisdiction," and is requesting a name change. See MN Statute 259.13 Sections 3, 4, and 5 for proper procedures.

SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE:

You may choose to have a marriage ceremony performed by anyone authorized by law to provide the service. Several judges in this county provide this service. You may contact the court during business hours to schedule a ceremony. The phone number is: **507.304.4680**. Ministers of any religious denomination may also perform the marriage ceremony if they have filed a copy of their ministerial credentials with a court administrator in the state.

WITNESSESS/CERTIFICATE:

The law requires that your marriage ceremony be witnessed by two people who are sixteen (16) years old or older. The person solemnizing the marriage will complete the marriage certificate. The certificate will be filed with the Director of Licensing of the county where the license was issued. The Director of Licensing records the marriage and mails a certified copy to the married parties.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY	STATE OF MINNESOTA	BOOK _____
DIRECTOR OF LICENSING	MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION (YOU MUST PRINT IN BLACK INK)	PAGE _____
LICENSE VALID FOR SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE - NO REFUNDS		

GROOM	FULL LEGAL NAME	NAME (FIRST)	(MIDDLE)	(LAST)	SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
	ADDRESS (NUMBER & STREET)			SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I do not have a Social Security Number	
	CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP		COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AGE BIRTH DATE
	HOW WAS LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED? <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSOLUTION <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT		COMPLETE DATE OF LAST TERMINATION	COUNTY, STATE & COURT OF TERMINATION		PREVIOUS MARRIED NAME

BRIDE	FULL LEGAL NAME	NAME (FIRST)	(MIDDLE)	(LAST)	SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
	ADDRESS (NUMBER & STREET)			SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I do not have a Social Security Number	
	CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP		COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE	AGE BIRTH DATE
	HOW WAS LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED? <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSOLUTION <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT		COMPLETE DATE OF LAST TERMINATION	COUNTY, STATE & COURT OF TERMINATION		PREVIOUS MARRIED NAME

IF EITHER PARTY IS A MINOR, NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MINOR'S PARENTS OR GUARDIAN.

ARE THE BRIDE AND GROOM RELATED TO EACH OTHER BY BLOOD OR ADOPTIONS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, STATE RELATIONSHIP
COMPLETE ADDRESS OF BRIDE AND GROOM AFTER MARRIAGE	
STREET:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	

Federal and State law requires that an applicant's social security number, if any, be collected on the Marriage License Application. Title 42, US Code Sec 666 (a) (13) (A), MN Statutes, Section 144.223, and MN Statutes, Section 517.08, Subd. 1a (9).

Minnesota Statute 259.13, subdivision 1, requires a person who committed a felony crime under any law, on or after August 1, 2000, to serve a notice of application for a name change on the prosecuting authority for the crime when seeking a name change as a part of the marriage license. If the prosecuting authority is located in another state, the Attorney General must also be served. Minnesota Statute 259.115 provides that if a person who committed a felony crime under any law, on or after August 1, 2000, uses a different surname after marriage than what was used before marriage, without complying with section 259.13, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Minnesota Statute 517.08, subdivision 1b, provides that if a person committed a felony crime under any law, on or after August 1, 2000, is applying for a marriage license, the court administrator shall either grant the marriage license without the requested name change or delay its granting until the person: (1) certifies that 30 days have passed since the notice of name change upon the prosecuting authority, and if applicable, the Attorney General, and no objections have been made; or (2) provides a certified copy of a court granting the name change. The parties seeking the marriage license have the choice of whether to have the license granted without the name change or to delay its granting pending further action on the name change request.

COMPLETE NAMES OF PARTIES AFTER MARRIAGE		
GROOM: (First)	(Middle)	(Last)
BRIDE: (First)	(Middle)	(Last)

Does one or both of the parties have a felony conviction for a crime committed on or after August 1, 2000 under Minnesota law or the law of another state or federal jurisdiction? Bride YES NO If yes, Jurisdiction _____ Groom YES NO If yes, Jurisdiction _____

If Bride or Groom has committed a felony crime under any law, on or after August 1, 2000, and is assuming a different surname after marriage, documents served on the prosecuting attorney and proof of service as required by Minnesota Statutes 259.13, 258.115, and 517.08 must be attached.

Attach copy of all documents served including Proof of Service Dates of Service _____ Deputy Registrar: _____

I hereby solemnly swear that I have read and understood the statutes written above, and swear that I either have committed no felony crimes under any law, on or after August 1, 2000, or if I have committed a felony crime, that I have fully complied with the notice of name change as required by Minnesota statutes.

AND

I hereby solemnly swear, under penalty of perjury, that the all of the above statements of fact are true in every respect; that we are no nearer of kin than the first cousins once removed; that neither is committed to the guardianship or conservatorship of the Commissioner of Public welfare without written consent of the Commissioner of Public Welfare; that there is no legal impediment to this marriage; that neither of us has a spouse living and one of the applicants is a man and the other is a woman.

X _____
Groom's signature (must be signed in the presence of a Notary/Deputy)

X _____
Bride's signature (must be signed in the presence of a Notary/Deputy)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS

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_____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

_____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

NOTARY/DEPUTY

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DATE OF APPLICATION _____
BEC (12/09)

DATE LICENSE ISSUED _____