

APPLICATION HOURS

8:30 a.m. – Noon
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

715-732-7406

The following applies to marriages occurring within the State of Wisconsin.

WHERE TO APPLY

Residents of Wisconsin must apply to the County Clerk of the county in which either is a resident. They may then be married in any county in the state.

One of the applicants must have resided in the county for at least 30 days to be considered a resident.

Out-of-state residents desiring to be married in Wisconsin must apply in the county where the marriage will take place. Please contact the appropriate county to review their application process.

Both applicants must appear to swear, or affirm, the information provided on the application is correct.

WAITING PERIOD

Wisconsin law requires a 6-day waiting period, not including the day of application, before a license may be issued.

The license is valid for 30 days after date of issuance and the marriage must be performed within that period.

PERSONS WHO MAY NOT MARRY

- Males and females under the age of 16.
- Blood relatives nearer of kin than second cousins except where the female is 55 years of age or older.

MINOR AGE REQUIREMENTS

Both males and females 16 to 18 years of age must have parental or legal guardian's consent to marry.

Parent/guardian consent forms must be executed by custodial parents or legal guardians.

MISCELLANEOUS

Blood tests, or blood counseling, are not required.

Application procedures, requirements and fees may vary from county to county.

REQUIREMENTS

LICENSE FEE - \$65.00 - Cash or Check

Refunds will not be given.

PROOF OF BIRTH

Certified copy of "Birth Certificate" – translated in English.

Notices of Birth Registrations will not be acceptable.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

- Driver's license with correct address, or
- Picture I.D. with correct address

PROOF OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION

A copy of the most recent divorce judgment, court annulment, or death certificate of previous spouse must be presented.

Wisconsin law requires a 6-month waiting period from the date of most recent divorce, regardless of where the divorce was granted, before a new marriage may occur.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

Wisconsin law specifies that a marriage license cannot be issued without proof of applicant's social security number.

OFFICIANT INFORMATION

The officiant's name, address, phone number, ceremony location and date must be provided at time of application.

An officiating person must be at least 18 years old.

If you both believe that the officiant you have chosen is legally able to perform the marriage, this office will not question the legal status of the officiant. Likewise, this office will not question your religious beliefs if you intend to act as your own officiant. However, **this office does not make any guarantees that this marriage will be valid if, after the marriage, the authority of the officiant is questioned** by another party, an agency or by either the bride or groom. If you are unsure as to the legal status of the officiant you have chosen, you may want to seek legal counsel.

OFFICIANTS WITHIN THE COURTHOUSE

Circuit Court Judge David G. Miron
Circuit Court Judge James A. Morrison
Circuit Court Commissioner Francis M. Boyle
Marinette County Courthouse
1926 Hall Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143-1717
715 732 7655

Non-confidential Information

The non-confidential portion of the marriage license application is an open record and may be reviewed for accuracy by any member of the public.

Reports of fraudulent information will be reported to local law enforcement.

This office reserves the right to verify information provided including the current legal marital status of any applicant.

Confidential Information

Social Security numbers may only be released for Child Support Enforcement program purposes per Wisconsin State Statute 69.20(3) and Federal Law 42 USC 666(a)(5). You must provide your Social Security number if you have been assigned a number. If you have a Social Security number but refuse to give it, the County Clerk cannot issue you a marriage license.

The street address of residence can be given to a law enforcement officer who requests this information under provisions of §765.09 (3) and 765.20 (2), Wisconsin Statutes.

APPOINTMENTS

To avoid any misunderstanding, confusion, or inconvenience, we encourage scheduling an appointment to complete the marriage license application.

CHECKLIST

- Schedule appointment
- Certified Birth Certificates
- Identification
- Current proof of residency
- Social Security cards
- Previous marriage documents
- Date of wedding – allow for 6-day waiting period
- Location of wedding
- Officiant's name
- Officiant's church name
- Officiant's address
- Officiant's telephone number
- Application Fee – cash or check

WISCONSIN Marriage License Information

**Required by Chapter 765
Wisconsin Statutes**



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