

Applying for a Marriage License

Before getting married in West Virginia or Tucker County, Couples must obtain a marriage license together, in person from the County Clerk's office—Here's How:

Eligibility: Under West Virginia law, only eligible persons can marry. Both the bride and groom must:

- . Be 18 years of age or older
- . Be of opposite sex
- . Not be blood relatives

Exceptions: Under state law, applicants who are 16 and 17 years old may obtain a marriage license with parental consent. If a court-appointed legal guardian is providing consent, a certified copy of the appointment is required. Either parents or the legal guardians must:

Provide notarized affidavit of consent of the marriage at that time from both parents and sole legal guardian

Underage applicants are subject to a 3-day waiting period. Provide valid identification
Applicants who are 16 or 17 must present the following: a certified copy of their birth certificate

Applying: Couples must appear together at the Tucker County Courthouse. They must:

- . Fill out and sign a marriage license application
- . Present valid identification with proof of age
- . Pay a \$ 36 fee (cash or personal check)
- . Provide social security number

Applicants will also be asked to provide their Mother's and Father's full name at birth, (1st, Middle and Last Name) and the City, State or Foreign Country of birth.

Applicants who have been previously married must provide the exact month, day and year that the previous marriage ended and indicate whether it was by death, divorce or annulment.

Timelines and Restrictions Marriage licenses are:

- . issued while you wait
- . effective immediately after issued
- . valid for 60 days
- . effective only in West Virginia

A couple may be married either by a minister that is registered in the State of West Virginia or a Judicial Judge. It is the couple's responsibility to make these arrangements.

After the Marriage Ceremony Occurs

The individual(s) performing the ceremony must complete the top portion of the marriage license and mail or deliver it to the Clerk's office.

You may obtain a copy of your marriage certificate upon request for a \$5.00 fee per copy at the County Clerk's office or by mail by sending the fee with pertinent information to the address listed.

Civil Ceremony in Tucker County

A civil ceremony can be arranged by appointment only through the Tucker County Circuit Clerk.

Religious Officials

Effective September 1, 2005 All Religious Officials performing marriages in the State of West Virginia are required to file with the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office.

Registration packets can be obtained by calling the Secretary of State's Office toll free at (304) 558-6000 or visiting their website at www.wvsos.com a record of each marriage performed must be kept as a permanent record in their Church.