

MARRIAGE

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH FOR AN IOWA RECORD

Requests require the applicant's current government- issued photo identification (i.e., driver's license) and signature signed in front of a notary public or in the presence of an Iowa Registrar of Vital Records.

1. BRIDE'S NAME BEFORE ANY MARRIAGE _____
FIRST MIDDLE, if any MAIDEN (Last)

2. GROOM'S NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE RECORD _____
FIRST MIDDLE, if any SURNAME (Last)

3. DATE OF MARRIAGE – BE SPECIFIC – Month/Day/Year _____

4. PLACE OF MARRIAGE (City and/or County where license obtained) _____

5. PURPOSE FOR COPY _____ 6. BIRTHDATE of APPLICANT/RECIPIENT _____

7. HOW ARE YOU RELATED TO THE PERSON NAMED ON THE RECORD? _____

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TO RECEIVE THIS COPY: (MUST BE AGE 18 OR OLDER & ENTITLED TO THE RECORD)

8a. Name of Applicant/Recipient _____

8b. Street address and P.O. Box (if any) _____

8c. City, State and Zip Code _____

9. THE SEARCH RESULT IS TO BE (Check one) Mailed Picked up (for in-person requests only)

10. THE NON-REFUNDABLE FEE TO SEARCH IS \$15.00 and one certified copy is issued if the record is located. Each additional copy of the same record is \$15.00. Indicate the number of copies of this record you need. _____

11. THIS SEARCH PAID BY (Check one) Check Money Order Cash (In-person only) 12. AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Checks must be drawn from the applicants' account; money orders must be in the name of the applicant. Fee payment must accompany this form. Checks should be payable to 'Iowa Dept. of Public Health' (IDPH).

13. APPLICANT'S NAME (Print clearly) _____ 14. DAYTIME PHONE # _____
(Include area code)

I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I have legal entitlement to a certified copy of this record. I have signed below in front of a notary public or an Iowa registrar of vital records.

15. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ 16. DATE _____

APPLICANT'S NAME AS APPEARS ON PHOTO I.D. (Print clearly) _____ State of _____ County of _____ ss _____ (SEAL) Signed and affirmed in my presence on this ____ day of _____, _____. _____, My commission expires: _____ <small>(Notary Public Signature)</small>	Administrative Use Only I.D. _____ Initials _____
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PRIOR TO MAILING:

- INCLUDE A CLEAR PHOTO COPY OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION (i.e., driver's license)
- NOTARIZE YOUR SIGNATURE ON THIS APPLICATION
- INCLUDE PAYMENT AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 13, 14 AND 15 ABOVE

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

To Request a Search for an Iowa Marriage Record for the Purpose of Obtaining a Certified Copy

In Iowa, official registration of marriages began July 1, 1880. Original records that were registered are on file with the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Health Statistics. Statewide record searches are available from the state registrar. Local vital records registrars are located in county recorders' offices, where records of births and deaths that have occurred in that county are maintained. Marriage records are maintained in the county where the license to marry was obtained. *County registrars are not authorized by law to have records for marriages between the years 1921 to 1941.* Per Iowa law, information about a specific record is not available over the telephone or by prepared lists. Iowa law provides for public viewing in the county where the record is maintained, or certified copies issued to entitled persons.

Applications to search for a vital record event for the purpose of obtaining a certified copy must be in writing, completely identify the record, and establish entitlement to the record being requested. Entitled persons include the person named on the record or that person's spouse, children, legal parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, or legal representative or guardian. Legal guardians and representatives must also provide additional proof of guardianship or representation. Applicants must be 18 or older. Requests must include the applicant's current government-issued photo identification (i.e., driver's license), except if by mail, a clear photocopy of the I.D., and the applicant's signature signed in front of a notary public or in the presence of an Iowa Registrar of Vital Records.

PAYMENT: A non-refundable \$15 fee is required to search for a record and includes one certified copy if the record is located. Each additional copy of the same record is \$15. Fees are payable in U.S. funds by check or money order to the issuing registrar's office. Checks must be drawn from the applicants' account; money orders must be in the name of the applicant. Fees must be paid at the time of the application (Iowa Constitution, Article VII, Section 1).
