

Marriage Application Information

Applicants 18 years or older can apply and receive their marriage license in the same day.

16 or 17-year-old applicants are required to have consent from their parent(s)/guardian(s). If one parent has full custody of a minor or the minor has a legal guardian they have to provide documentation stating they have the full custody/guardianship. The parent(s)/guardian(s) along with the minor will have to sign a consent form.

There is a 3-day waiting period for any marriage with a minor applying.

If an applicant is under the age of 18 they cannot marry someone more than 4 years older.

Applicants under the age of 16 must have both parental consents, as well as a court order.

Both applicants must present a Valid Driver's License, State ID, Passport or Certified Birth Certificate and provide the following information:

- **Full Name**
- **Current Address**
- **Date of Birth**
- **Place of Birth (City and State)**
- **Social Security Number**
- **Parent's Full Names (Including Mother's Maiden Name)**
- **State each parent was born in.**
- **If either applicant has been previously married they must provide the date of death if a spouse has passed away or final divorce/dissolution.**

The cost of the marriage license is \$56.00 unless you have had pre-marital counseling and have proof of counseling (a letter or certification form from whomever did the counseling). If you have proof of counseling the cost will be \$36.00. The proof must be dated within a year of applying for license. Please see attached Premarital Education Certificate of Completion Form.

The Marriage License is valid for 60 days anywhere in the State of West Virginia. In the event the license isn't used within 60 days the license becomes void and the applicant must re-apply for another license.

Please allow one week after the marriage license is returned to our office by the minister before requesting a certified copy.