

# Marriage Licenses

## Requirements for Marriage License

1. Must be over 18 years of age.
2. Applicant under 18 must have both parents sign.
3. Applicant under 16 must have both parents sign and have judge's consent.
4. Must produce birth certificates and picture ID.
5. Must wait 72 hours after receiving license to be married, unless a waiver is obtained from our District Judge. Waiver fee is \$5.00. License is good for 30 days only in the State of Louisiana.
6. If previously married, must provide copy of divorce decree. Widows/widowers must provide copy of death certificate
7. Marriage license cost is \$27.50. Certified copy of license is \$6.00

## Justice of the Peace

Catahoula Parish, Louisiana

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## MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS

A marriage license may be issued in any parish, regardless of where the ceremony is to be performed or where the parties reside (RS 9:222).

### APPLICATION FORM; INFORMATION REQUIRED - (RS 9:224)

1. Must contain all information required on form (see application form – RS 9:223)
2. Each parties' social security number or one of the following if not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.:
  - Valid and unexpired passport from the country of birth, or
  - Unexpired visa with Form I-94 as issued by the U.S.
3. Must be signed in one of the following manners:
  - Both parties before a notary or deputy clerk;
  - One party before a notary and one party before a deputy clerk;
  - Waiver signed by judge or justice of the peace (they must be in the territorial jurisdiction of the court) valid only for the absent party;
  - Military exception – individual appearing attaches a copy of the other's military ID; only appearing party needs to sign application.

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED - (RS 9:225)

1. BIRTH CERTIFICATE (RS 9:226)
  - If born in Louisiana:
    - Certified copy of each party's birth certificate (short form acceptable), **or**
    - Order waiving birth certificate(s) **WITH** letter from proper registration authority that a thorough search was made and no birth record was located (RS 9:227 & 228).
  - If born outside of Louisiana but in a U.S. state or territory, (American Samoa, Guam, N Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands):
    - Certified copy of each party's birth certificate (short form **not** allowed), **or**
    - Order waiving birth certificate(s) **WITH** letter from proper registration authority that a thorough search was made and no birth record was located (RS 9:227 & 228).
  - If born outside U.S. or its territories:
    - Certified copy of party's birth certificate and a valid and unexpired passport, **or**
    - Certified copy of party's birth certificate and unexpired visa accompanied by Form I-94 as issued by the U.S.
    - Order waiving birth certificate(s) **WITH** letter from proper registration authority that a thorough search was made and no birth record was located (RS 9:227 & 228).
  - Certified translation of birth certificate if certificate is in a language other than English:
    - Must include sworn declaration of translator.
2. IDENTIFICATION:
  - Valid and unexpired driver's license, or
  - A government issued identification card, or
  - A valid and unexpired passport from the country of his birth, or
  - An unexpired visa accompanied by Form I-94 as issued by the U.S.
3. Written consent or court's authorization for minor(s) to marry (if applicable)
4. Covenant Marriage Declaration (if applicable)
5. WAIVERS, if Applicable:
  - 72-Hour Waiver, no change to process; (R. S. 9:242)
  - Birth Certificate Waiver as described above; (R.S. 9:227 & 228)
  - Waiver of Notarized Application as described above (9:224)

# Application for Marriage License

License Number

State of Louisiana

Date of Application

Time of Application

<b>PARTY A</b>	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if consanguineous or adoptive relationship				
SPOUSE <input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name		Suffix	First Name	Middle Name	
	Last Name Before First Marriage (if different than current legal last name)					
BRIDE <input type="checkbox"/>	Residence Address					
	City	Parish/County		State	ZIP	
GROOM <input type="checkbox"/>	Race		Date of Birth	Place of Birth (city, state, country)		
	Mother/Parent's Name (before first marriage)			Mother/Parent's Birthplace (city, state, country)		
PARTY A:	Father/Parent's Name (before first marriage)			Father/Parent's Birthplace (city, state, country)		

<b>PARTY B</b>	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female					
SPOUSE <input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name		Suffix	First Name	Middle Name	
	Last Name Before First Marriage (if different than current legal last name)					
GROOM <input type="checkbox"/>	Residence Address					
	City	Parish/County		State	ZIP	
BRIDE <input type="checkbox"/>	Race		Date of Birth	Place of Birth (city, state, country)		
	Mother/Parent's Name (before first marriage)			Mother/Parent's Birthplace (city, state, country)		
PARTY B:	Father/Parent's Name (before first marriage)			Father/Parent's Birthplace (city, state, country)		

Covenant Marriage	<p>Is this a Covenant Marriage? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If YES, complete below):</p> <p>We, _____ and _____ do hereby declare our intent to contract a Covenant Marriage and, accordingly, have executed a declaration of intent attached hereto.</p>
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<b>Party A</b>	Formerly Married? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Previous Marriages?	Currently Divorced? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date Last Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yy)
	Highest Education Completed:		Reason Last Marriage Ended <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment	
<b>Party B</b>	Formerly Married? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Previous Marriages?	Currently Divorced? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date Last Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yy)
	Highest Education Completed:		Reason Last Marriage Ended <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment	

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of groom/bride/spouse) do swear or affirm that the information contained in this application for marriage is true and correct. I further swear or affirm that this is my \_\_\_\_\_ (1st, 2nd, etc. number) marriage but that I am not currently married to anyone else, and that I am free to marry under the laws of the State of Louisiana. I further understand and acknowledge that giving any false information or false statement in this application for marriage shall constitute the crime of filing a false public record in violation of the Louisiana Criminal Code (R.S. 14:133).

Signature of **Party A** \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Notary Public or Deputy Clerk of Court \_\_\_\_\_ Notary ID \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of groom/bride/spouse) do swear or affirm that the information contained in this application for marriage is true and correct. I further swear or affirm that this is my \_\_\_\_\_ (1st, 2nd, etc. number) marriage but that I am not currently married to anyone else, and that I am free to marry under the laws of the State of Louisiana. I further understand and acknowledge that giving any false information or false statement in this application for marriage shall constitute the crime of filing a false public record in violation of the Louisiana Criminal Code (R.S. 14:133).

Signature of **Party B** \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Notary Public or Deputy Clerk of Court \_\_\_\_\_ Notary ID \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	<b>Party A</b>	Social Security Number <small>(if none, attach statement)</small>	Keep Confidential?	Phone Number
	<b>Party B</b>	Social Security Number <small>(if none, attach statement)</small>	Keep Confidential?	Phone Number

Mailing Address AFTER Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Rev 11/15