

## **MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Age:** Applicants over 18 years of age, follow information below. If applicant is under the age of 18, see Under Age Marriage Applicant

**No waiting period:** Applicants receive marriage license the same day application is completed

**License expires:** 60 days after date of issuance

**Resident of Taylor Co.:** You do not have to be a resident of said county to obtain a Marriage License. Your ceremony must be performed in WV.

**Non Resident of Taylor Co.:** May apply in any county. Recommend you apply in the county in which you reside but not required. Ceremony must be performed in WV.

**Out of state resident:** You can apply in any County Clerk's Office; recommend you apply in the county in which you are being married.

**ID requirement:** Present valid photo ID, such as driver's license, state ID, passport or certified birth certificate.

**Family Information:** Both parties must know the complete name of each of their parents including their mother's maiden name and father's full name including Jr. Sr. I or II (if applicable).

Both applicants must know the city and state or foreign country in which each of their parents were born.

**Other information needed:** Social Security Number, years of education, where to send greeting to (Groom or Bride address)

**Previous marriage:** (if applicable)

- Divorce: know the exact date in which the divorce decree was signed by the judge
- By Death: know the exact date of death, in which the previous marriage ended
- Dissolution or Annulment (specify dates)

**Fees:** Application for Marriage License \$57.00 . If you have proof of 4 hrs of pre-marital counseling, you receive a \$20.00 discount.

**Fee for Marriage Certificate:** \$5.00 this is issued after the officiant returns the Marriage License to the County Clerk's Office. You must request this certificate. It is not issued automatically.

**Officiant is responsible for returning the Marriage License to the County Clerk's Office to be recorded and made a part of permanent records.**

**Officiant:**

- An ordained minister who has received certification to perform marriages may officiate a wedding (Officiant must be registered with the WV Secretary of States' Office)
- Circuit Court Judge
- Family Court Judge

**Under age Marriage Applicant: § 48-2-301** If applicant is under the age of 18, parental or guardian consent forms must be completed (see below). If under the age of 16, you cannot marry without a court order and parental consent. See other requirements and information listed above.