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Houston County Minnesota Marriage License Application Policy

To apply for a marriage license in Minnesota, you will start the process by applying online at this address: <https://moms.mn.gov/Application/> After you have completed the online application, if you would like to complete the process in Houston County, please call our office for an appointment.

1. Our office is open Monday through Friday (except holidays). Marriage license applications appointments are available between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.
2. The fee for a marriage license is \$115.00 payable at the time of application. This fee may be reduced to \$40.00 if you have completed “at least 12 hours of pre-marital education classes”. To obtain this reduction in fee you will need to supply the proper documentation at the time of application. **If you have this documentation, please present it to the deputy before you start the application process.** (If your officiant has questions in regard to this documentation, please have them contact our office at 507-725-5813. They may also check our website (www.co.houston.mn.us) for more details.

Information needed at the time of application:

1. **A Minnesota marriage license is only valid for a wedding performed in the State of Minnesota,**
 2. Both applicants must appear in person at the same time,
 3. Both applicants must be 18 years of age or older,
 4. If either party has previously been married, you will need divorce or death information.
(In the case of a divorce, you will need the date of the divorce and the county and court where it occurred.
Also please keep in mind that Houston County respects waiting period from other states.),
 5. Social Security numbers are required,
 6. If either party has had a felony conviction, additional paperwork may be required.
 7. If either party has a guardian, additional paperwork is required.
 8. You will need to bring a valid, picture identification.
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3. A Minnesota marriage license is valid for six months from the issuance date.
 4. The officiant’s credentials must be filed in the State of Minnesota prior to performing marriage ceremonies.
Please contact this office, or have your officiant contact this office, with further questions in regard to getting their credentials filed.