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## **Houston County Minnesota Marriage License Application Policy**

**A Minnesota marriage license is only valid for a wedding performed in the State of Minnesota,**

**To start the process to apply for a marriage license you will complete the license application found at this address: <https://moms.mn.gov/Application/> . After you have completed this application, if you would like to apply for your license in Houston County, you will call our office for an appointment. A Minnesota Marriage License is valid in any county in the state. You do not have to apply in the county where your actual service will be performed. You may apply at the county in Minnesota that is most convenient for you.**

**Our office is open Monday through Friday (except holidays).**

**Application appointments are available between the hours of 8:15 AM and 3:30 PM.**

The marriage license fee 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: (<https://www.co.houston.mn.us/departments/recorder/>) for more details.

**Information needed at the time of application:**

Both applicants must appear in person at the same time,  
Both applicants must be 18 years of age or older,  
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.  
Houston County DOES respect waiting periods from other states)  
Social Security numbers are required,  
If either party has a guardian, additional paperwork is required.  
You will need to bring a valid, picture identification.

**A Minnesota Marriage License is valid for six months from the issuance date.**

**The officiant must file a “Certificate of Filing” prior to performing marriage ceremonies. This certificate can be filed in any county in the State of Minnesota. Your officiant should contact this office, or the county office where they will be filing their certificate in, with further questions in regard to this paperwork.**