

WISCONSIN MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Send completed form, self-addressed stamped envelope and appropriate fee to:
A LEGIBLE photocopy of the applicant's CURRENT VALID photo ID must accompany all mail applications.
Please note we do not accept out of state personal checks.
 Make check or money order payable to: **DODGE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS**

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 127 EAST OAK ST, ADMIN. BLDG
 JUNEAU, WI 53039-1391
 (920) 386-3720

PENALTIES: Any person who willfully and knowingly makes false application for a marriage certificate shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both, per Chapter 69.24(2) Wisconsin Statutes.

APPLICANT INFORMATION	THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ABOUT THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.			
	YOUR Name (Please Print)			
	YOUR Signature			Today's Date
	YOUR Daytime Telephone Number ()			
	YOUR Street Address		Mail To Address (if different)	
City / State / Zip		City / State / Zip		
RELATIONSHIP TO PERSONS NAMED ON THE CERTIFICATE	According to Wisconsin State Statute, a CERTIFIED copy of a MARRIAGE record is only available to a person with a "Direct and Tangible Interest". If you do not meet the criteria for boxes A – F, you can only receive an uncertified copy.			
	Check one box which indicates YOUR RELATIONSHIP to one of the PERSONS NAMED on the record: <input type="checkbox"/> A. I <u>am</u> one of the PERSONS NAMED on the record. <input type="checkbox"/> B. I am the <u>parent</u> of one of the PERSONS NAMED on the record. <input type="checkbox"/> C. I am the <u>legal custodian or guardian</u> of one of the PERSONS NAMED on the record. <input type="checkbox"/> D. I am a <u>member of the immediate family</u> of one of the PERSONS NAMED on the record. (Only those listed below qualify as immediate family.) CIRCLE ONE: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-left: 40px;"> Spouse Child Brother Sister Grandparent </div> <input type="checkbox"/> E. I am a <u>representative authorized</u> , in writing, by any of the aforementioned (A through D). The written authorization must accompany this application. Specify whom you represent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> F. I can demonstrate that the information from the record is necessary for the <u>determination or protection of a personal or property right</u> for myself/my client/my agency. Specify interest _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Uncertified copy only. Copy will not be valid for identification purposes.			
FEES	\$20.00 - First copy and \$3.00 for each additional copy of the same record, issued at the same time as the first copy. _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES.			
MARRIAGE INFORMATION	FULL NAME OF GROOM			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
	FULL MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
	PLACE OF MARRIAGE (CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP)			COUNTY
DATE OF MARRIAGE				
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	Below is for OFFICE USE ONLY			
	CERTIFICATE #	ID EXPIRATION	I.D. NUMBER	
	VOL	PAGE	TOTAL \$	CASH \$

What is the difference between a certified and an uncertified copy of a marriage certificate?

In Wisconsin, a **certified** copy of a marriage certificate may be issued by either the Register of Deeds office or the State Vital Records Office. It will have a raised seal and will be printed on security paper.

A certified copy of the marriage certificate is required to change your last name or obtain benefits.

State law restricts who may obtain a **certified** copy of a marriage certificate. A certified copy may be issued to:

- The bride and groom named on the certificate;
- A parent or legal custodian of the bride or groom named on the certificate;
- A brother or sister of the bride or groom named on the certificate;
- A current spouse of the bride or groom (spouse's former marriage);
- A child of the bride and/or groom named on the certificate;
- A grandparent of the bride or groom named on the certificate;
- A person authorized in writing by one of the above (The written and signed authorization must accompany the request and the relationship of the authorizing party to the subject of the record must be clearly explained.); or
- A person who can demonstrate that the certificate is required to determine or to protect a personal or property right.

If you do not meet one of the above criteria, you cannot receive a certified copy of a marriage certificate.

An **uncertified** copy of a marriage certificate will contain the same information as a certified copy but will be issued on plain paper without a seal. It will **not** be acceptable for legal purposes, such as reporting a name change due to marriage or claiming insurance benefits.
