

Please read the following prior to completing the Marriage License Application form

AGE: You must be 18 years of age to apply for a marriage license on your own behalf. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you can acquire a license with a signed and notarized "Certificate of Consent" form signed by your parents or legal guardians and a certified long form Birth Certificate.

PROPER IDENTIFICATION: One of the following forms of identification is required for each party applying for a marriage license: Valid U.S. State Driver's License, Valid Passport, Valid U.S. State ID Card, Valid Alien Registration Card, or a Valid U.S. Military ID card.

Both parties must apply in person. You are required to complete the Marriage License Application form in the Lee County Clerk's Office or you can obtain an application form on-line at www.leeclerk.org. Both parties are required to submit their Social Security Number. If previously married, the date of divorce, death, or annulment is required. A certified copy of the divorce judgment is required if the divorce is within the 30 days of the date of the marriage application.

APPLICATION FEE: The standard fee for a marriage license is \$93.50 (cash only). The reduced fee for applicants (Florida Residents only) who have completed a four-hour marriage course is \$61.00. **The fee must be paid in cash.**

FAMILY LAW HANDBOOK: The State of Florida requires that both applicants read the 'Family Law Handbook' provided by the Clerk. Each applicant must sign the Applicant's Statement attesting to having read the handbook. You may access the handbook by viewing our website at www.leeclerk.org

WAITING PERIOD: The State of Florida requires that **Florida Residents wait three calendar days from the date the license is issued before it can be used.** This requirement does not apply to applicants if both parties are not Florida Residents.

PREMARITAL PREPARATION COURSE: Florida Residents can have the 3 day waiting period 'waived' by attending a four-hour premarital preparation course prior to the issuance of the license. In order to waive the 3 day waiting period, your premarital preparation course provider must be registered with the Lee County Clerk's Office. The Lee County Clerk's Office can provide a list of premarital preparation course providers upon request; the list is also located on our website" www.leeclerk.org

Attendance of the course reduces the fee for the marriage license application (\$61.00-**cash only**). You must provide proof of course attendance upon applying for the license. The Lee County Clerk's Office does not provide the premarital preparation course.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY: Marriage ceremonies may be performed by the following per Florida Statute 741.07:

- A regularly ordained minister or other ordained clergy;
- Elders in communion with some church;
- All judicial officers (judges)
- Clerks of Circuit Court and their deputies
- Notaries Public of the State of Florida
- In addition, the law provides that marriages may be performed among "Quakers" or "Friends," in the manner and form used or practiced in their societies.

An authorized Deputy Clerk of the Lee County Recording Department can perform the marriage ceremony for you in the Clerk of Courts Recording Office. The fee for the ceremony is \$30.00, and must be paid in **cash**.

HOURS OF OPERATION: The Lee County Clerk of Courts Recording department is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can apply for a license between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You can have the marriage ceremony performed in the office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE: The Affidavit of Compliance statement **must** be signed in front of a Deputy Clerk.

MARRIAGE LICENSE IS VALID FOR 60 DAYS: Your Marriage License is valid for 60 days from the effective date. If you do not marry within this period (60 days), you will be required to purchase a new license. No refunds or extensions are permitted. Please be advised that your name, address, telephone number and date of birth are public record and available upon request.

AMENDED MARRIAGE LICENSE: If the original marriage license in our possession we can amend the license for a fee of \$22.00. If the original marriage license has already been sent to the Department of the State, then a court order must be obtained before we can amend the marriage license.

Marriage License Application

Groom Last, First, Middle Name _____

Groom Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ **Groom** Age _____

Groom Residence Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Groom County _____ **Groom** Place of Birth (State or Country): _____

Groom SS# _____ **Groom** Race: _____ **Groom** Daytime Telephone # _____

Groom Previously Married? **Yes** **No** **Groom** Total Marriage(s) including this Marriage _____

Groom Previous Marriage Ended by **Divorce** **Death** **Annulment** Date Marriage Ended _____

I affirm this information is true and correct: _____

Groom Signature

Bride Last, First, Middle Name _____

Bride Maiden Name _____

Bride Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ **Bride** Age _____

Bride Residence Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Bride County _____ **Bride** Place of Birth (State or Country) _____

Bride SS# _____ **Bride** Race: _____ **Bride** Daytime Telephone _____

Bride Previously Married? **Yes** **No** **Bride** Total Marriage(s) including this Marriage _____

Bride Previous Marriage Ended by **Divorce** **Death** **Annulment** Date Marriage Ended _____

I affirm this information is true and correct: _____

Bride Signature

Please mark which address the marriage license should be mailed to after it has been recorded into the Official Record of Lee County: **Groom** **Bride** **Other**

(Address, City, State, and Zip) _____

Notice: Once application is made most amendments to the marriage license may only be done with a court order from Lee County