



Application for a Marriage License

- ♥ At least one of the applicants must be a Clare County resident.
- ♥ An Affidavit for License to Marry must be filed with the County Clerk's office during regular hours of business, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♥ Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Applicants 16 or 17 years of age must submit a written and notarized Parent's Consent Form, which can be obtained from the County Clerk's office. One parent or legal guardian **must appear** at time of application.
- ♥ One or both applicants may apply, copies of birth certificates are preferred, if applicants do not have copies of birth certificates, the following information is required:
 - ❖ Full names (including bride's maiden name if previously married)
 - ❖ Birth dates and city & state of birth
 - ❖ Valid driver's license/state issued I.D.
 - ❖ Parents' full birth names
 - ❖ Parents' State of birth
 - ❖ Social Security Numbers
- ♥ There is a three-day waiting period after which the license may be picked up at the County Clerk's office. A waiver of the 3 days may be obtained by showing of good cause to the County Clerk and for an **additional fee of \$20.00**.
If you apply on Monday, pickup Thursday; if you apply Friday, pickup Monday.
- ♥ Affidavit for License to Marry may **NOT** be filed electronically (fax or email).
FEE - \$20.00
- ♥ License must be used within thirty (30) days. If not used within the 30 days, copies must be returned to the Clerk's office.

Out-of-State Applications

- ♥ Both applicants must be out-of-Michigan residents. An Affidavit for License to Marry must be filed with the County Clerk's office either by mail or in person signature(s) must be notarized if done by mail. One or both applicants may apply.
- ♥ Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Applicants 16 or 17 years of age must submit a written and notarized Parent's Consent Form, which can be obtained from the County Clerk's office. Parent's Consent must be notarized.
- ♥ Affidavit for License to Marry may **NOT** be filed electronically (fax or e-mail).
FEE - \$30.00 - must be included with mail application.
- ♥ There is a three-day waiting period after which the license may be picked up at the County Clerk's office.
- ♥ **A Marriage License for out-of state residents MUST be used in Clare County.**