

**COMPLETE THIS AFFIDAVIT IF ONE PARTY IS ABSENT IN THE MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS, BUT WILL ATTEND THE WEDDING CEREMONY**

**ABSENT APPLICANT – APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE INSTRUCTIONS**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Absent affidavit can be used to apply for a Marriage License when one party is not able to appear in the County Clerk's Office to obtain the marriage license, but **IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE** in the wedding ceremony.

NO PROXY NECESSARY IF BOTH APPLICANTS WILL BE PRESENT AT WEDDING CEREMONY. One applicant may obtain marriage license in the county clerk's office alone with needed materials. A proxy is a substitute who can act and speak on another's behalf.

1. The party who will not be able to appear in the County Clerk's Office must complete and sign this form. All fields 1-15 on the form must be completed by the person signing.
2. The other party must appear in the County Clerk's office at least 72 hours, but no more than 30 days prior to the ceremony.

**WHAT TO BRING INTO THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

The fully completed and **notarized affidavit (questions 1-15)**

An acceptable form of **identification for both wedding parties** may include the following:

1. Valid driver's License \*
2. Valid Passport \*
3. State issue ID \*
4. Military ID \* (waives 72 hr. waiting period)
5. Certified Copy/Original birth Certificate NO COPIES
6. Offender Card issued by TDCJ \*
7. Social Security Cards\*

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Copies acceptable for absentees **Note:** Identification for applicant appearing in person must be original.

The names of both parties will appear on the marriage license **exactly** as they do on the identification that was provided to our office.

**PLEASE ALLOW 30 MINUTES TO ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENSE**

**Department Hours:** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday through Friday

Phone number for the County Clerk's Office is (830) 374-2331.



THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT OF ABSENT APPLICANT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE**

The form and content of this affidavit is prescribed by section 2.007 of the Texas Family Code.

|  |   |                                |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Name of Absent Applicant (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) |   | Maiden Surname (If applicable) |
| Address (Street, city, state, zip)                     |   |                                |
| Date of Birth  | Place of Birth (including city, county and state) |                                |
| Social Security Number                                 | Citizenship                                       |                                |

I have not been divorced within the last 30 days.  TRUE  FALSE

I am not presently married.  TRUE  FALSE

I am currently married to the other applicant.  TRUE  FALSE

I am not presently delinquent in the payment of court ordered child support.

TRUE  FALSE

The other applicant is not presently married  TRUE  FALSE

I am not related to the other applicant as:  TRUE  FALSE

- an ancestor or descendant, by blood or adoption;
- a brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a parent's brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a son or daughter of a brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a current or former stepchild or stepparent; or
- a son or daughter of a parent's brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;

I desire to marry:

|   |     |  |
|---|-----|--|
| Name of Other Applicant (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) |     |  |
| Maiden Surname (If applicable)                        | Age | Approximate date on which the marriage is to occur |
| Address (Street, city, state, zip)                    |     |  |

The Reason I am unable to appear personally before the county clerk for the issuance of the license:

**THE FOLLOWING SECTION CAN ONLY BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES STATIONED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY IN SUPPORT OF COMBAT OR ANOTHER MILITARY OPERATION WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY:**

Name of adult person, other than the other applicant, to act as proxy for the purpose of participating in the ceremony:

**I SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IN THIS DECLARATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I AM AWARE THAT MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS DOCUMENT IS PUNISHABLE TO UP TO 2 TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON AND UP TO A \$10,000 FINE [HSC §195.003]**

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

|                                    |                                |        |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Signature of Notary                |                                | (Seal) |
| Printed Name and Title:            |                                |        |
| Subscribed and sworn before me on: | Expiration date of Commission: |        |