

## APPLICATION

Anyone wishing to marry in Pennsylvania **MUST OBTAIN A PA MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

Applicants will submit the application online by going to [www.adamscounty.us](http://www.adamscounty.us). Go to Top Click on home page and click "Marriage License". **BOTH applicants MUST APPEAR** together in person to complete the remainder of the marriage license application process.

**Applicants must have VALID identification:**  
Driver's license/military or PennDot photo ID.

Birth Certificates are required only when applicants have none of the above.

All ID's must be in English or be accompanied by a certified English translation.

Applicants must provide Social Security number (federal & state mandates for US citizens).

**If you lost your card, you must contact the Social Security Office for WRITTEN verification.**

## WHERE TO APPLY

**APPLICANTS MAY APPLY IN ANY COUNTY WITHIN PENNSYLVANIA.**

Application does not need to be made in county of residence or where ceremony is to be performed.

**Contact the county where you plan to apply.**

Adams County Courthouse, Clerk of Courts Office, 117 Baltimore Street, Room 103, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

Applicants may apply **ONLY** between 8:00 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday *except holidays*.

## REQUIREMENTS

All applicants **must be 18 years of age** to obtain a marriage license without custodial parent's or legal guardian's consent.

Be prepared to provide the full name, mailing address, occupation, and birthplace of each parent

**Applicants between 16-18 years of age MUST HAVE A CUSTODIAL PARENT present to consent** to the marriage application.

Consenting parent must have proper identification

**Pennsylvania does NOT require premarital blood testing or physical examinations.**

Applicants under 16 years of age must have BOTH written Court approval AND written approval of the custodial parent.

## WHEN TO APPLY

Application must be made within 60 days of the wedding date

Marriage licenses are valid for 60 days from date of issuance and may be used anywhere in PA.

**PA law requires a minimum 3-day waiting period after application is made before license can be issued.**

## WHO MAY NOT MARRY

Persons related by blood as first cousins or closer may not marry in PA. Other prohibitions and policies are available in the Clerk of Courts Office.

## REMARRIAGES

Applicants who have previously married **MUST HAVE:**

1. **CERTIFIED copy of death certificate** (if widowed)

**OR:**

2. **CERTIFIED copy of Divorce Decree dated more than 30 days prior to application date.** \*

\*If applicant is divorced and has changed his/her name, he/she must have documentation of same.

S/he must obtain a **CERTIFIED** copy of the decree (with a court seal). **Photocopies are NOT acceptable.**

Foreign divorce Decrees **MUST HAVE a CERTIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION attached.**

3. Civil annulments require same documentation as divorces. (Church annulments are NOT accepted)

## FEES

Marriage license application is \$65.50 payable by cash, check, or credit card and includes a certified copy of the license. Please note there is a \$31.00 return check fee if the bank returns the check or credit card payment for any reason.

Certifications of Marriage will be mailed within 10 days after receipt of marriage license return.

Marriage license fees and hours vary from county to county. Please call the County in which you intend on applying for more information.

Application fee is non-refundable.

**Waiver of three (3) day waiting period is \$5.00 (not included in \$65.50) Please contact Court Administration for waiver at 717-337-9846.**

## OUT-OF-STATE MARRIAGES

Anyone wishing to marry outside Pennsylvania must contact that state, territory, country, etc., directly. Legal requirements of that jurisdiction apply.

## QUESTIONS

Applicants may call the Clerk of Courts Office at 717-337-9806.

## FOR E-FILING MARRIAGE APPLICATION



## PREMARITAL CHECKLIST

### DO YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING?

\_\_\_ Confirmation Number (if applied online)

\_\_\_ **VALID identification** (Any 1 of these)

- *Photo driver's license*
- *State PennDot photo ID card*
- *Certified birth certificate*
- *Active military ID*

\_\_\_ Social Security **NUMBER**

\_\_\_ **CASH or CHECK** for license fee

\_\_\_ **Certified Divorce Decrees** (if applicable)

\_\_\_ **Certified** Name Change (if applicable)

\_\_\_ **Certified** Death Certificate (if applicable)

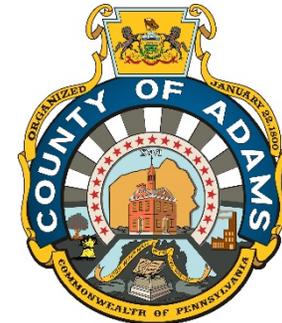
\_\_\_ Full name, address, occupation,  
birthplace of each parent (regardless of age)

\_\_\_ Custodial Parent(s)  
(with **ID** and **proof of custody**, if applicable)

## **PLANNING**

### **TO**

### **MARRY?**



**KELLY A. LAWVER**

**Adams County  
Clerk of Court & Clerk of Orphans' Court**

**717-337-9806**

**Application hours 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**