

**Information regarding
MARRIAGE LICENSES
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County Clerk, Lafayette County
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WHERE TO APPLY: Please call to make an appointment.

County Clerk's Office, Courthouse.

Hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays

WHEN TO APPLY:

Application should be made 10 to 20 days before the ceremony. License is good for 60 days from issuance date.

PERSONS WHO MAY NOT APPLY:

Blood relatives - Nearer of kin than second cousins - except when the female is 55 years of age or older.

A person under the age of 16.

Persons who have not been divorced for six months, whether the divorce was granted in Wisconsin or elsewhere.

AGE:

Every person who has attained the age of 18 years is of age to marry. If a person is between the age of 16 and 18 years, a license may be issued with the written consent of the person's parent(s), guardian, or custodian. Parent(s), guardian, or custodian consent forms must be executed at time of application, before the County Clerk or certified in writing and verified before a Notary Public.

WAITING PERIOD:

Three days after application is made, the license will be issued and is good for 60 days from this date.

Special Dispensation: The five day waiting period is required by law but may be waived. The waiver is issued through the County Clerk. A \$25.00 fee is charged.

FEE: The cost of a marriage license is \$75.00

REQUIREMENTS:

Male and Female- Both must file at time of application documentary proof of identification and residence. Certified copy of birth certificate is required. If previously married, the copy of death certificate, court annulment papers or signed judgment of divorce is required. Social Security Numbers will also need to be provided.

PROCEDURE FOR RESIDENTS:

1. Both parties come to this office to make application.
2. Three days after application is made, the license will be issued and is good for 60 days from issuance date. Residents of state may apply before the County Clerk of any county in the state. They may be married in any county of the state.

Out of State residents may apply in any county in Wisconsin and be married in any county in the state.

Witnesses to a marriage who sign the certificate must be 18 years of age.

Also: *Bring in the complete name and mailing address of the person who is going to marry you.

*Know the name of the municipality in which you will be married.