



# SOUTH DAKOTA MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

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## OVERVIEW

Marriage is a personal relation, arising out of a civil contract to which the consent of parties capable of making it necessary. Consent alone does not constitute a marriage; it must be followed by a solemnization. Complete the following application to obtain a license to marry in the state of South Dakota.

Both parties must be present and show acceptable identification such as:

- a valid passport
- federal, state, military, or tribal photo identification
- certified birth certificate along with current school or employment photo ID or;
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(SDCL 25-1-10.1)

Marriage License	\$40
Certified Copy of Marriage Certificate	\$15

The license to marry is valid only in the State of South Dakota and will become void and of no effect unless the marriage is solemnized within 90 days from the purchase of your license.

Once you are married, the individual who solemnizes the marriage must return the license to the Register of Deeds within 10 days. If not returned, there will be no record of your marriage.

South Dakota law does not permit marriage of those under 16 years of age. Individuals the age of 16 and 17 must have parental consent prior to issuance of the license.

Per **SDCL 25-1-30** , marriage may be solemnized by a Justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the circuit court, a magistrate, a mayor, either within or without the corporate limits of the municipality from which the mayor was elected, or any person authorized by a church to solemnize marriages. The South Dakota Department of Health does not maintain lists of individuals able to perform marriage ceremonies. Such information may be available from local Register of Deeds offices.

After solemnization and filing of your marriage license, a certified copy of the marriage certificate can be obtained from any South Dakota Register of Deeds Office or the Office of Vital Records.

For additional information on South Dakota marriage requirements, see **SDCL Chapter 25-1** or visit <http://doh.sd.gov/records/marriage-requirements>

**Information provided on this application is used to create a South Dakota marriage license. Once the Register of Deeds presents your marriage license, review the information listed to ensure accuracy.**

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SPOUSE A INFORMATION			
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Suffix</b>
<b>Last Name After Solemnization of Marriage</b> - Acceptable surnames are Spouse A's surname, Spouse B's surname or Spouse A and Spouse B's hyphenated surnames. (SDCL 25-1-10.1)			
<b>Residence Address</b> - Physical location of home. NO PO BOXES		<b>Apt #</b>	<b>Inside City Limits?</b>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
<b>Birth State / Country</b>		<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>STATISTICAL INFORMATION</b> - The information collected below is used for statistical purposes only and will not be published on a certified copy of the marriage record.			
<b>Sex</b>	<b>Of Hispanic Origin?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> NO - not Spanish / Hispanic / Latino <input type="checkbox"/> YES - Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano <input type="checkbox"/> YES - Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> YES - Cuban <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Specify _____		
<b>Race</b> - Select all that apply. Do not use country of birth.			
<input type="checkbox"/> WHITE	<input type="checkbox"/> KOREAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN	<input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN INDIAN	<input type="checkbox"/> SAMOAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> CHINESE	<input type="checkbox"/> GUANAMIAN or CHAMORRO		
<input type="checkbox"/> FILIPINO	<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKA NATIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAMESE	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER ASIAN _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> JAPANESE	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER _____		
	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		
<b>Number of Previous Marriages</b>	<b>Marital Status</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment		
<small>Disclosure of the social security number is mandatory pursuant to SDCL 25-7A-56.2 and the social security act § 205(c)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(1998). The social security number will be used by the Department of Social Services to facilitate collecting child support and locating child support obligors.</small>			
<b>Social Security Number</b> _____ - _____ - _____			

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SPOUSE B INFORMATION			
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**MARRIAGE INFORMATION**

Marriage Location	Marriage City	Marriage County

**Marriage Date** -The license to marry is valid only in the state of South Dakota and will become void and of no effect unless the marriage is solemnized within **90 days** from the purchase of your license.

**DATE OF MARRIAGE**

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures**

The laws of this state affirm your right to enter this marriage and at the same time to live within the marriage free from violence and abuse. Neither of you is the property of the other. Physical abuse, sexual abuse, battery and assault of a spouse or other family member, as well as other provisions of the criminal laws of this state, are applicable to spouses and other family members, and violations thereof are punishable by law.

By initialing, I:

- Verify that I have read, and I understand the above statement, that the information provided above is correct and that I am free to marry under the laws of the state of South Dakota.
- Agree that my electronic signature will be captured in the presence of the Register of Deeds and signifies that I have read and agree to the above-mentioned statement.

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Spouse A Initials

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Spouse B Initials