

Shannon County Recorder's Office

Marriage License Requirements

The law requires the Recorder to obtain the applicant's identity, age and social security number. Additionally, Missouri WILL NOT issue marriage licenses if one party is under 18 and the other is 21 or older.

Forms of Identification for United States Citizens

Any one of the following forms of identity are acceptable and must not be expired:

- Certified copy of United States Birth Certificate or government identification card
- Military identification
- Missouri identification card
- Valid driver's license

Forms of Identification for Foreign Persons

Valid U.S. government documentation must be provided such as:

- Birth Certificate
- Driver's license (U.S) Not expired
- United States passport with visa or U.S. entry stamp
- Valid passport
- Green Card

All documents presented for identification purposes must be either a valid United States government issued document or foreign government issued with a properly acknowledged English translation.

Proper Identification

Every applicant needs to be prepared to present proper identification.

The law requires the recorder to verify the applicant's identity and age.

You must provide your full social security number.

All parties must appear together at the Recorder's Office.

All parties must have identification showing their age. Driver's license is acceptable if you are 18 years of age or over.

Purchasing Your License

You may purchase your license in any county in the State of Missouri and get married in any county in the State of Missouri . Your license will be recorded in the county where your marriage license was purchased. If you purchase your license in this state, you must get married in this state.

A fee of \$51.00 "CASH ONLY" is to be paid at the time of application.

Age Requirements

Any applicant aged 16 to 18 must be accompanied by a custodial parent (RSMo 451.090 1). Acceptable identification for applicants would be a birth certificate and valid driver's license. The custodian giving consent to the marriage should be one of the persons named on the birth certificate. Custodial parents are also required to have proper identification (picture id) and documentation that they are in fact the custodial

parent. RSMo 451.090 3.

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Expiration Date

Your marriage license must be used within 30 days, or it is no longer valid and cannot be used. You will have to purchase an entirely new license if your original becomes invalid.

The person performing the ceremony has 15 days from the date of the ceremony to return the license to the Recorder of Deeds. RSMo 451.130 2.

Prior Marriages

If either of the applicants have been married before, we will need the month and year your last marriage ended. If your divorce is final, check with your attorney to see if there is a waiting period before applying for your marriage license. The recorder's office does not have any requirements regarding waiting periods.