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HOUSTON COUNTY MN MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION POLICIES

YOU MAY NOW APPLY ON LINE AT <https://moms.mn.gov/Application/> IN HOUSTON COUNTY

1. **Marriage applications will be accepted from 8:00 AM thru 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except holidays. VARIATIONS FROM THIS SCHEDULE WILL BE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY consisting of one hour prior to 8:00 AM or one hour after 4:30 PM based on staff availability. An additional fee of \$25.00 will be added to the license fee for these appointments.**
2. The marriage license is \$115.00. This fee is payable at the time the application is accepted. **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS.** This fee may be reduced to \$40.00 if you have completed “at least 12 hours of Pre-Marital Education Classes”. To obtain this reduction in fee you **MUST**, at the time of signing, bring a certificate, on church letterhead that is signed by class instructor, dated and either notarized or affix a church seal. This certificate must include the correct legal names of each applicant as they are going to appear on the marriage application. It must also include the correct language according to the statute. **This certificate must be presented when you come into the office.** (If your officiant has questions, please have them contact our office at 507-725-5813. They may also check our website (www.co.houston.mn.us) for more details.

Information needed for applying:

- A. You must have a **Minnesota Marriage license** to get married in the **State of Minnesota.**
 - B. Both applicants **must appear in person at the same time.**
 - C. Both applicants **must be 18 years of age or older** (If younger, contact this office for more information).
 - D. If either party has **previously been married you** will need divorce information or death information (In the case of divorce, waiting periods from other States may apply)
 - E. **Social Security numbers** are required
 - F. If either party has had a **felony conviction**, additional paperwork may be required. Contact this office.
 - G. If either party has a **guardian**, additional paperwork is required. Contact this office.
3. **The license is valid for six months.**
 4. The **officiant's credentials** must be filed in the State of Minnesota **prior** to performing marriage ceremonies.