

## APPLICATION

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

Applicants will submit the application online by downloading our mobile app "Adams County Clerk of Courts" or by going to [www.adamscounty.us](http://www.adamscounty.us). Go to Top Click on the home page and click "Marriage License".

After applying, schedule a video appointment via our mobile app or website. **BOTH applicants MUST APPEAR** together in video to complete the remainder of the marriage license application process. Applicants must have a **working printer** available the day of the video appointment.

**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.**

## REQUIREMENTS

All applicants **must be 18 years of age** to obtain a marriage license.

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

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

## 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.

Video appointments occur ONLY between 8:30 AM and 3:45 PM, Monday through Friday except holidays.

## 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 \$71.00 payable by cash, check, or credit card and includes a certified copy of the license. Payment is required by 8:15 a.m. the day of video appointment. There is a \$33.00 return check fee if the bank returns the check or credit card payment for any reason.

Certifications of Marriage will be mailed within 5 days after receipt of marriage license return. Additional copies can be obtained online by going to [www.adamscounty.us](http://www.adamscounty.us).

Application fee is non-refundable.

**Waiver of three (3) day waiting period is \$5.00 (not included in \$71.00) 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.

## PREMARITAL CHECKLIST

### DO YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING?

\_\_\_ Online application CONFIRMATION NUMBER

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

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

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

\_\_\_ **Payment** for license fee (must be paid before 8:15am the day of video appointment or your video **must** be rescheduled)

\_\_\_ **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)

\_\_\_ Working **Printer and 6x9 or larger envelope** (required for the day of video appointment)

## **PLANNING**

**TO**

**MARRY?**



**KELLY A. LAWVER**

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

**717-337-9806**

**Application hours 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM**