

**COMPLETE THIS AFFIDAVIT IF ONE PARTY IS ABSENT IN THE MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
PROCESS, BUT WILL ATTEND THE WEDDING CEREMONY**

**ABSENT APPLICANT – APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE
INSTRUCTIONS**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Absent Applicant Affidavit can be used to apply for a Marriage License when one party is not able to appear in the County Clerk's Office to obtain the marriage license, but **IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE** in the wedding ceremony.

1. The party not able to appear in the County Clerk's Office must complete and sign this form. We accept ORIGINAL signatures only. All fields on the form must be completed by the person signing.
2. The other party must appear in the County Clerk's office at least 72 hours, but no more than 90 days prior to the ceremony.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

- The fully completed and notarized form with the original signature only. Copies of this form, cross outs, or the use of white out will not be accepted.
- An acceptable form of **identification for both wedding parties** must be displayed and may include the following:

1. Valid driver's License *
2. Valid U.S. Passport * w/ Visa
3. Valid United States issued ID *
4. Military ID * (waives 72hr waiting period)
5. Offender Card issued by TDCJ *
6. For a complete list of acceptable I.D.'s please check the County Clerk's web site at smith-county.com.

* Copies of Identification for absentees is acceptable, however Identification for applicant appearing in person must be original.

The names of both parties will appear on the marriage license **exactly** as they do on the identification that was provided to our office.

PLEASE ALLOW 30 MINUTES FOR ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE LICENSE

Department Hours: 8:00 am – 4:45 pm Monday through Friday
Vitals Statistics-Marriages: (903) 590-4697 or 4698



THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SMITH

AFFIDAVIT OF ABSENT APPLICANT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

The form and content of this affidavit is prescribed by section 2.007 of the Texas Family Code.

Name of Absent Applicant (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		Maiden Surname (If applicable)
Address (Street, city, state, zip)		
Date of Birth	Place of Birth (including city, county and state)	
Social Security Number	Citizenship	

I have not been divorced within the last 30 days. TRUE FALSE

I am not presently married. TRUE FALSE

I am currently married to the other applicant. TRUE FALSE

I am not presently delinquent in the payment of court ordered child support.

TRUE FALSE

The other applicant is not presently married TRUE FALSE

I am not related to the other applicant as: TRUE FALSE

- an ancestor or descendant, by blood or adoption;
- a brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a parent's brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a son or daughter of a brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a current or former stepchild or stepparent; or
- a son or daughter of a parent's brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;

I desire to marry:

Name of Other Applicant (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		
Maiden Surname (If applicable)	Age	Approximate date on which the marriage is to occur
Address (Street, city, state, zip)		

The Reason I am unable to appear personally before the county clerk for the issuance of the license:

THE FOLLOWING SECTION CAN ONLY BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES STATIONED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY IN SUPPORT OF COMBAT OR ANOTHER MILITARY OPERATION WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY:

Name of adult person, other than the other applicant, to act as proxy for the purpose of participating in the ceremony:

I SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IN THIS DECLARATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I AM AWARE THAT MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS DOCUMENT IS PUNISHABLE TO UP TO 2 TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON AND UP TO A \$10,000 FINE [HSC §195.003]

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Notary		(Seal)
Printed Name and Title:		
Subscribed and sworn before me on:	Expiration date of Commission:	