



## Instructions for Completing Marriage License Application

All applications are to be filled out online at <https://moms.mn.gov/application/Welcome>. The marriage license is good for six months within the State of Minnesota.

1. Once the application has been filled out online, come to the Auditor-Treasurer's office and we will print the application for you. **BOTH** applicants need to be present with a valid form of identification (any state ID, passport, consular ID etc.) to sign the application and take an oath.
2. The fee **MUST** accompany each application. The fee may be paid by cash, check or with credit/debit card (additional fee for card payments will apply). Checks should be made payable to "Mower County".
3. Proof of U.S. Citizenship is not required. There are no special requirements of non-citizens .
4. Applications for parties under the age of 18 will require a special waiver.

The standard Marriage license fee is a **\$125.00**. If you have completed at least 12 hours of premarital education then the license is **\$50.00**. Application fees are **non-refundable**.

In order to qualify for the reduced fee, the parties must submit a signed and dated statement from the person who provided the premarital education confirming that it was received and printed on their official letterhead. The premarital education must be provided by a licensee or ordained minister or the minister's designee, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under Minnesota Statutes, section 517.18, or a person authorized to practice marriage under Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.33. The education must include the use of premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills.

The statement from the person who provided the premarital education must use the following format on their business letterhead stationery.

"I (name of educator), confirm that (full legal name of both parties) received at least 12 hours of premarital education that included the use of premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills by a licensed or ordained minister, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under Minnesota Statutes, section 517.8, or a person authorized to practice marriage and family therapy under Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.33.

The letter must also either be signed in front of a Notary Public or have the church's seal on it. The names of the parties in the educator's statement must be identical to the names of the parties as they appear on the marriage license application.