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

Absent 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 can accept an ORIGINAL signature only, no copies. All fields 1-15 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 INTO THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE:**

- The fully completed and notarized affidavit (questions 1-15) 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 may include the following:
  1. Valid driver’s License *
  2. Valid U.S. Passport * w/ Visa
  3. State issue 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 call the County Clerk’s office at 903-590-4698.

* 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 TO ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENSE**

**Department Hours:** 8:00 am – 4:45 pm Monday through Friday

**Vitals Statistics-Marriages:** (903) 590-4697 or 4698

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# 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.

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<th>Name of Absent Applicant (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)</th>
<th>Maiden Surname (If applicable)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Address (Street, city, state, zip)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date of Birth</td>
<td>Place of Birth (including city, county and state)</td>
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<td>Social Security Number</td>
<td>Citizenship</td>
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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 desire to marry:

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<th>Name of Other Applicant (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)</th>
<th>Maiden Surname (If applicable)</th>
<th>Age</th>
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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

Printed Name and Title:

Subscribed and sworn before me on: Expiration date of Commission: (Seal)