

## ALASKA MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM INSTRUCTIONS

### PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

**Incomplete applications or applications that do not include proper photo identification will be returned unprocessed.**

- The bride or groom may obtain a certified copy of their own marriage certificate.
- A marriage certificate can also be furnished to a legal representative. Legal representatives must submit a certified copy of the legal document when requesting a marriage certificate that is not their own.
- Use the full first, middle, and last names as they appear on the certificate when filling out the request form.
- We can only process requests for marriages that occurred in Alaska. For marriages that occurred outside of Alaska, requests must be sent directly to the appropriate state
- **ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A COPY OF GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PICTURE ID OF THE PERSON REQUESTING THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. Enlarge the copy and lighten it as much as possible to ensure it is clear and readable when sent to the Bureau, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE FAXING YOUR REQUEST. REQUESTS WITH DARK OR UNCLEAR COPIES OF IDs WILL BE RETURNED UNPROCESSED. Your signature under the copied ID is also required.**

#### The following are acceptable for identification purposes:

- A driver's license or official identification card issued by another state in the U.S., jurisdiction or territory, unexpired, or expired for not more than one year
- An unexpired U.S. or foreign passport.
- U.S. military identification or military dependent identification.
- If you are currently living in Alaska, a BIA or tribal identification card will also be accepted.

**If you are unable to provide any of the above-mentioned forms of identification, please contact the Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics at 907.465.3391 to speak with a customer service representative.**

#### SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST:

- Print and complete the request form and mail it or fax it to our office.
- Walk-in service is also available in Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Juneau. Please check our web site ([www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/bvs/contacts/](http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/bvs/contacts/)) for office hours and location.
- Vital records requests contain confidential information. Therefore, we highly recommend you mail or fax your request. E-mail, although convenient, is not secure and subject to fraud.
- Remember to sign your request and enclose the correct fees as well as a copy of picture ID.
- Expedited (Rush) requests may only be submitted by fax. Please fax your rush request to 907.465.3618.
- If faxing, call the Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics to confirm receipt at 907.465.3391 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Alaska time.

#### PROCESSING TIMES:

- Requests sent by regular mail will normally be processed within 2 -3 weeks after receipt by the Bureau.
- Heirloom requests are normally processed within 4 -6 weeks after receipt by the Bureau. Note that most governmental agencies do not accept heirloom certificates as proof of marriage.
- Expedited (Rush) requests submitted with credit card payment will normally be processed within 3 working days after receipt. Expedited requests must be faxed to our office. Note that there is no overnight express delivery to or from Alaska. Express delivery takes at least two days each way. As noted above, expedited service is not available for heirloom requests.
- Normal processing times can be greater during periods of high volume. Please plan accordingly.
- Please allow for mailing time.

#### FEES:

- Alaska charges a search fee for records. Once an order is received and processed, the first \$25 record search fee is not refundable. If you order multiple copies and no record is found, the fees for the extra copies will be refunded.
- The first copy of a certificate is \$25.00 and additional copies are \$20 for each copy of the same record ordered at the same time. The first copy of a heirloom certificate is \$50.00 and additional copies are \$45 for each copy of the same record ordered at the same time.
- **Records requiring an Apostille:** Marriage Certificates requiring authentication for a foreign country have additional fees. The additional charge is \$12.00 for the first record, with \$2.00 added for each additional copy of the same record. This includes the \$2.00 fee for the Lt. Governor's office. The country that the record is being sent to must be noted on your request.
- All NSF checks will be sent to a collection agency. There will be a \$30.00 charge for returned checks.
- Expedited (Rush) service requires an additional \$11.00 fee. Orders may be processed by completing the request form and faxing it to the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Please do not mail expedited requests to our office.
- Faxed requests require the \$11.00 expedite (rush) fee.
- Orders may also be accepted online at: [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com). You will be required to fax identification and the VitalChek authorization form to our office.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

- For additional information on obtaining Alaska Vital Records, please contact the Records Processing Unit in Juneau at 907.465.3391.

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- You may type directly on this form and print it or you may print the form first and then complete it by hand. If you enter the ordering information on this form the fees and shipping charges will automatically be calculated.
- If completed by hand, be sure that all information is printed neatly and is legible.
- **Expedited (Rush) requests must be faxed to 907.465.3618 for processing.** Do not mail expedited requests. Please call 907.465.3391 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alaska time, to confirm the receipt of your fax.
- Please read the instructions on the previous page. The information you provide must be complete and accurate. **Incomplete or inaccurate requests or requests that do not include a copy of a government-issued ID with a signature below the ID will be returned unprocessed.**

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

FULL Name of the Husband: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, and Last Name on the Marriage Certificate)

FULL Name of the Wife: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, and Last Name on the Marriage Certificate)

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ City, Village, or Place of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of the request: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Personal Records, Legal Purposes, Inheritance/Estate Settlement, Govt. Assistance/Benefits, Insurance/Pension, Retirement, etc.)

Your Relationship to the Persons Named on the Record: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Husband, wife, legal representative, etc.)

Signature of the Person Requesting the Record: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with a money order, a check, or credit card information. Checks must be preprinted with your name and address. Please note there is a \$30.00 NSF fee for returned checks. Expedited (Rush) requests must be faxed to 907.465.3618 for processing.

Make Checks Payable to:  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
P.O. Box 110675  
Juneau, AK 99811-0675

Phone: (907) 465-3391  
Fax: (907) 465-3618

Marriage Certificates: \$25 first copy; \$20 each additional copy of the same record ordered at the same time.

Apostille fee (please see instructions for fees)

Country needed for: \_\_\_\_\_

Heirloom Certificates: \$60 first copy; \$55 each additional copy

Heirloom Certificate Selected:

- Rie Muñoz, "Tenakee Wedding"
- Dale DeArmond, "Raven in Love"
- Byron Birdsall, "McKinley Moonlight"

Expedited (Rush) Service\* (Add \$11.00)

\*Faxed requests must include the \$11 expedite fee. Does not include shipping fees.

Ship by:  Regular Mail (no additional fee)

Priority Mail (Add \$4.90)

(Call our office for shipping rates outside the U.S)

Express Mail (Add \$18.30)

FedEx (No PO Box / Add \$18.50)

Total

**Credit Card Information (When paying by credit card)**

Name on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa

MasterCard

Discover

Cardholder signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENTER YOUR MAILING ADDRESS BELOW. DO NOT DETACH.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_