GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

COST: $45.00 - EFFECTIVE 1/2/2009

GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID REQUIRED, BEARING BOTH PHOTO AND EXPIRATION DATE

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
 If you don't know your social security number from memory, you must present your original social security card.

PHONE NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED.

EACH PERSON MUST APPLY IN PERSON BEFORE THE CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT. PLEASE SEE MARRIAGE RECORD FOR INFORMATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED.

IF PRIOR MARRIAGE YOU MUST HAVE ORIGINAL DECREE IF DIVORCE IN COUNTY OTHER THAN FULTON COUNTY.

IF MOST RECENT MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY DEATH THEN A DEATH CERTIFICATE OR OTHER PROOF OF DEATH MUST BE PRESENTED.

THREE DAY WAITING PERIOD- THERE IS A THREE DAY WAITING PERIOD FROM THE DATE YOU APPLY FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE UNTIL THE MARRIAGE LICENSE CAN BE ISSUED/ PICKED UP.

MARRIAGE LICENSE IS GOOD FOR 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUE.

A MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED IN ANY COUNTY IN PA IS GOOD IN ANY COUNTY IN PA.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

    -18 AND OVER - NO PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIRED
    -16 and 17 - CONSENT OF ONE PARENT REQUIRED (PARENT MUST
            SIGN CONSENT IN CLERK'S OFFICE)
    -UNDER 16 - NEED SPECIAL ORDER OF COURT TO GET MARRIAGE
            LICENSE. INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES WHO PERFORM MARRIAGES IN FULTON COUNTY:

    -TAMELA MELLOTT HEMING   (717) 573-2225
    -WENDY RICHARDS MELLOTT (717) 485-4842

SEE MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANT'S NOTICE REGARDING WHO IS QUALIFIED TO PERFORM MARRIAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

MARRIAGE RECORD

APPLICANT 1	APPLICANT 2

Full Name

_____

Full Name

_____

Mailing Address _____

_____

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Mailing Address _____

_____

_____

Phone Number _____

Phone Number _____

Residence:

State _____   County _____

Residence:

State _____   County _____

Location:

City of _____

Borough of _____

Township of _____

Occupation _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Birthplace _____

Number of Prior Marriages _____

How and when dissolved _____

Education (0-12) _____ College (1-4 or 5+) _____

Location:

City of _____

Borough of _____

Township of _____

Occupation _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Birthplace _____

Number of Prior Marriages _____

How and when dissolved _____

Education (0-12) _____ College (1-4 or 5+) _____

Given and Surname of Father

_____

Given and Surname of Mother

_____

Given and Surname of Father

_____

Given and Surname of Mother

_____

Maiden Name of Mother _____

Residence of Father _____

Residence of Mother _____

Occupation of Father _____

Occupation of Mother _____

Birthplace of Father _____

Birthplace of Mother _____

Maiden Name of Mother _____

Residence of Father _____

Residence of Mother _____

Occupation of Father _____

Occupation of Mother _____

Birthplace of Father _____

Birthplace of Mother _____

Marriage License Applicants

NOTICE

The office of the Fulton County Clerk of the Orphans' Court cannot provide legal advice to the parties; and specifically cannot advise whether or not a person is qualified to solemnize a marriage, or what is or is not a church, congregation, or religious society, institution or organization. Parties must ask their attorney for legal advice.

The Pennsylvania statute governing officers of church or state authorized to solemnize a marriage is on the reserve side of this sheet. If you have ANY questions, you must ask your attorney. If a "minister, priest or rabbi" or "religious society, religious institution or religious organization" will conduct your marriage, types of questions your attorney must answer are:

- Is the person who will marry us authorized to solemnize our marriage?
- Is the person who will marry us a "minister, priest or rabbi"?
- What does "regularly established church or congregation" mean?
- Are either of us a member of a "religious society, religious institution or religious organization"?
- Is a person "ordained" by mail order, over the internet, or by similar "ordination" authorized to solemnize our marriage?
- If a person "ordained" by mail order, over the internet, or by similar "ordination" conducts our marriage, is our marriage valid?
- Is our marriage valid if it is later determined the person who conducted our marriage was not authorized to solemnize our marriage?
- If our marriage is not valid because the person who conducted our marriage was not authorized to solemnize our marriage, what are our rights; how is ownership of our property determined if one of us dies; what are the rights of inheritance; what is the status of our children?
- Who will decide if the person who married us was authorized to solemnize our marriage or if our marriage is valid? How much will it cost us?
- If the person who conducted our marriage was not authorized to solemnize our marriage, are they legally responsible to us in any way?

A license issued by this office:
- Authorizes a marriage ceremony performed only in Pennsylvania
- Is valid for only 60 days
- Must be returned to this office within 10 days after the marriage ceremony

23 Pa.C.S §1503. Persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

(a) General rule – The following are authorized to solemnize marriage between persons that produce a marriage license issued under this part:

    (1)   A justice, judge or magisterial district judge of this Commonwealth.

    (2)   A former or retired justice, judge or magisterial district judge of this Commonwealth who is serving as a senior judge or senior magisterial district judge as provided or prescribed by law; or not serving as a senior judge or senior magisterial district judge but meets the following criteria:

        (i) has served as a magisterial district judge, judge or justice, whether or not continuously or on the same court, by election or appointment for an aggregate period equaling a full term of office;

        (ii) has not been defeated for reelection or retention;

        (iii) has not been convicted of, pleaded nolo contendere to or agreed to an Accelerated felony offense under the laws of this Commonwealth or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation;

        (iv) has not resigned a judicial commission to avoid having charges filed or to avoid prosecution by Federal, State or local law enforcement agencies or by the Judicial Conduct Board;

        (v) has not been removed from office by the Court of Judicial Discipline; and

        (vi) is not a resident of the Commonwealth.

    (3)   An active or senior judge or full-time magistrate of the District Courts of the United States for the Eastern, Middle or Western District of Pennsylvania.

    (3.1)   An active, retired or senior bankruptcy judge of the United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern, Middle or Western District of Pennsylvania who is a resident of this Commonwealth.

    (4)   An active, retired or senior judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit who is a resident of this Commonwealth.

    (5)   A mayor of any city or borough of this Commonwealth.

    (5.1)   A former mayor of a city or borough of this Commonwealth who:

        (i) has not been defeated for reelection;

        (ii) has not been convicted of, pleaded nolo contendere to or agreed to an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or other probation without verdict program relative to a misdemeanor or felony offense under the laws of the Commonwealth or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States or any one of its possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation;

        (iii) has not resigned the position of mayor to avoid having charges filed or to avoid prosecution by Federal, State or local law enforcement agencies;

        (iv) has served as a mayor, whether continuously or not, by election for an aggregate of a full term in office; and

        (v) is a resident of this Commonwealth

    (6)   A minister, priest or rabbi or any regularly established church or congregation.

(b) Religious organizations – Every religious society, religious institution or religious organization in this Commonwealth may join persons together in marriage when at least one of the persons is a member of the society, institution or organization, according to the rules and customs of the society, institution or organization.

(c) Marriage license needed to officiate - No person or religious organization qualified to perform marriages shall officiate at a marriage ceremony without the parties having obtained a marriage license issued under this part.