

# MARRIAGE LICENSE INFOSHEET

## SCHEDULE

- All applicants must be present and together when marriage license is issued. A Power of Attorney is not acceptable under any circumstances for issuance of a marriage license.
- Marriage licenses are issued Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-5:00PM.

## FEE

- The fee for a marriage license is \$60.00, cash or credit card (no checks). No refunds will be issued. For credit card transactions, an additional transaction fee (\$3.55 as of September 2017) per marriage license is charged by our credit card processing vendor.

## LEGAL AGE TO MARRY

- In Arkansas, applicants must reach the age of 18 years to contract for a marriage license without parental consent.

## LEGAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- Applicants 18 or older must present a valid government-issued photo ID (e.g, driver's license, passport, or military ID) showing their correct name and date of birth.
- If an applicant's name has changed through a divorce and his/her photo ID does not reflect this change, he/she will need a certified copy of his/her divorce decree. The decree must state that his/her name has been restored to his/her original name.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE VALID FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS

- The marriage license must be returned to our office for recordation, whether used or unused, within sixty (60) days of issuance.

## COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED WHEN APPLYING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

- Is a blood test required? *No*
- Is there a waiting period? *There is no waiting period for applications where all applicants are 18 or older. There is a waiting period of five business days for all underage (under 18 years of age) applications for marriage licenses.*
- Is there a waiting period after a divorce is final? *No*
- Do you have to be a resident of the State of Arkansas? *No*

## FOR MINISTERS

- The minister's credentials must be recorded with a County Clerk's Office in the State of Arkansas prior to performance of a wedding ceremony.