

Houston County Recorder

Birth Certificate Application

Complete this form to order a certified copy of a Minnesota birth certificate.

Vital Statistics

You must fill in the information we ask for on this form. We need the information to find the correct birth record and to make sure that you may receive the certificate. If we cannot find the birth record you asked for, we will send you a certified "Statement of No Birth Record Found". *Minnesota Rules, part 4601.2600*

Information to find the requested birth record *Minnesota Rules, part 4601.2600, subpart 2*

Child/Subject	Child/subject first name		Child/subject middle name		Child/subject last name		Name suffix	
	Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Minnesota city of birth		Minnesota county of birth		State of birth MN
Parents	Parent one first name		Parent one middle name		Parent one last name		Last name before 1 st marriage	
	Parent two first name		Parent two middle name		Parent two last name		Last name before 1 st marriage	

Requester - person completing this application *Minnesota Rules, part 4601.2600, subpart 3*

Requester	Requester full name				Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)		Daytime phone (10-digit)	
	Requester mailing address – street				Apt/Unit #		Email	
					City		State	ZIP Code

MANDATORY — Check the boxes below that describe your relationship to the subject of the record:

Marital status is important.
Records of children born to married parents are "public". That means that the certificate is available to those listed in items 1 – 18 below. Records of children born to single mothers are "confidential" unless the mother chose to make the record public at the time of birth. Only the persons listed below in items 19 – 23 may obtain confidential birth certificates.
Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivisions 2 and 7.

"Public" birth records are available to individuals who meet any of the legal requirements in items 1-18

1. A parent named on the subject's record
2. A grandparent of the subject
3. A great grandparent of the subject
4. A child of the subject
5. A grandchild of the subject
6. A great-grandchild of the subject
7. Spouse of the subject (You must be the current spouse)
8. I am the subject; I am requesting my own birth record
9. The legal custodian, guardian, or conservator of the subject (we need a certified copy of the court order that names you)
10. The health care agent for the subject (we need a valid "health care power of attorney" document)
11. Subject's personal representative who requires the birth certificate for administration of the subject's estate
12. Successor of a deceased subject who requires the birth certificate for administration of the subject's estate
13. Person who demonstrates a need for a birth certificate to determine or protect a personal or property right
14. Adoption agency — to complete post-adoption search (we need a copy of your Employee ID)
15. Local/state/tribal or federal governmental agency (we need a copy of your Employee ID) (Best practice: wait for family to verify the record).
16. Attorney – I represent the subject, or a person listed in items 1-14 above. **If you are a NON-Minnesota attorney, attach a copy of your attorney license.**
My Minnesota Attorney License Number is: _____
17. Pursuant to a valid, certified copy of a U.S. court order (not a subpoena) releasing the certificate
18. I have a signed statement from a person above; it specifies the subject's full name, date of birth, parents' names, the signer's relationship to the subject of the record and it authorizes me to obtain the certificate.

"Confidential" birth records are available only under the conditions, or to the person, in items 19-23

19. Parent named on the subject's record
20. The legal custodian, guardian, or conservator of the subject (you need a certified copy of a court order naming you)
21. The subject, when 16 years old or older
22. Representatives of Minnesota programs that administer child support, medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and services under Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.23; Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260E; and, tribal child support programs, Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 2, paragraph (f). (we need a copy of your Employee ID)
23. Pursuant to a valid, certified copy of a U.S. court order (**not** a subpoena) releasing the certificate

BIRTH CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

Person completing this application – the requester:			
Requester's signature and signature of notary public			
<i>By signing my name in the space below, I hereby attest that the information I am providing on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I meet the legal requirements indicated in Section C.</i>			
Requester's signature (Signature must match the name of the requester on page one)		Notary Stamp/Seal	
Signed or attested before me on: _____ day of _____, 20____			
Printed name of notary public			
Notary public signature	My commission expires		
How many birth certificates do you want?		Fee	Subtotals
One certified birth certificate		\$26	\$26
Added copies are \$19 each <i>if you buy them at the same time as one at \$26.</i>		# of added copies	\$19 each
How many VA birth certificates do you want?		<i>Minnesota Statutes, section 197.63, subdivision 1</i>	
VA birth certificates are available free - <i>for Veterans Affairs related purposes only</i>		# VA certificates	\$0
The amount you pay must cover the certificates and services you requested above.			Amount due
Payment due (Must be \$26 or more)			
How do you want to pay? Fees are due with the application and are non-refundable. <i>Minnesota Statutes, section 144.226.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card MasterCard/VISA/Discover		To pay with a credit card, please call our office at: (507) 725-5813	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Check #		Make check or money order payable to Houston County Recorder and send by mail with application. Checks returned for non-payment will result in a \$30 charge to you. You could also face civil penalties. <i>Minnesota Statutes, section 604.113, subdivision 2.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Money order Money order #			
Send your application and payment to:			
Houston County Recorder 304 S Marshall Street Room 111 Caledonia, MN 55921			
If you have questions, contact the Houston County Recorder's Office at (507) 725-5813 or email: recorder@co.houston.mn.us			