



Birth Certificate Application

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

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.

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

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> A parent named on the subject’s record | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> A grandparent of the subject | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> A great grandparent of the subject |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> A child of the subject | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A grandchild of the subject | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A great-grandchild of the subject |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of the subject (You must be the current spouse) | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> I am the subject; I am requesting my own birth record | |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> The legal custodian, guardian, or conservator of the subject (we need a certified copy of the court order that names you) | | |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> The health care agent for the subject (we need a valid “health care power of attorney” document) | | |
| 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject’s personal representative (we need a notarized statement that says you need the birth certificate to administer the estate) | | |
| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Successor of the subject (subject is dead) (we need a notarized statement that says you need the birth certificate to administer the estate) | | |
| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Proof that you need a birth certificate for the determination or protection of a personal or property right | | |
| 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption agency — to complete post-adoption search (we need a copy of your Employee ID) | | |
| 15. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to a valid, certified copy of a U.S. court order (not a subpoena) releasing the certificate | | |
| 18. <input type="checkbox"/> 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>I certify that the information on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. It is unlawful to give false information to get a birth certificate. You may be subject to fines, jail time or both. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.227.</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
Credit Card Transactions – Mandatory Fee if paying with credit card			
For Orders totaling \$1 - \$50, the fee is \$1.50			
For Orders totaling \$51 - \$100, the fee is \$3.00			
How do you want the certificates delivered to you?		Fee	Choose Delivery
Regular First-Class Mail®		\$0	
URGENT: Express Mail® (2-3 days) <i>Price subject to change per United States Postal Service</i>		\$28.75	
Fees are due with the application and are non-refundable. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.226			Amount due
Total due = costs of Birth certificate(s)			
How do you want to pay?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card MasterCard/VISA/Discover	Cardholder name		Valid thru MM/YY
	Card number		3-digit security code
<input type="checkbox"/> Check	Check #	Make check or money order payable to Winona County Recorder and send by mail with application. DO NOT SEND CASH. 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:			
Mail your application, check, money order, or credit card information to (DO NOT SEND CASH): Winona County Vital Records 202 W 3 rd Street Winona, MN 55987			
FAX application with credit card information: 507-454-9397			
If you have questions, contact Vitals@co.winona.mn.us or call 507-457-6395			