Congratulations on your upcoming marriage!

The Clerk of the Circuit Court acts as an agent for the State of Florida for issuing marriage licenses as outlined in Chapter 741, Florida Statutes.

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In addition to information provided in this packet, the Clerk's Marriage License Division can answer your questions concerning the application for a marriage license in Martin County. The Direct Line to the Marriage License Division is (772) 288-5551.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the following information designed to assist in completing the marriage license information form and to save time when you visit the office to obtain your marriage license.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for your future.
Marriage License Requirements

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- Both parties must be present, complete and sign the Marriage License Information Sheet and Statement, and provide valid identification (valid driver license, state I.D. card or passport)
- If previously married, the month, day and year that the previous marriage ended must be provided.
- Both parties are required to read the Family Law Handbook (English/Spanish) prior to applying for a marriage license. Copies of the Handbook are available in our office and on the website, at www.martinclerk.com. Florida law requires you to sign a statement, verifying that you have read the handbook.
- Florida law requires each party to provide the Clerk’s office with their social security number, passport number, alien admission number, or alien file number.
- Blood tests are not required.
- The marriage license is valid for 60 days from issuance.
- The marriage must be solemnized within the State of Florida by an official authorized by chapter 741, Florida Statutes, such as a notary, clerk, ordained clergy, or judicial officer.
- Witnesses are NOT required.

Waiting Period

- Non-Florida residents - no waiting period
- Florida residents who participate in premarital preparation course - no waiting period
- Florida residents who do not participate in premarital preparation course - 3 day waiting period

Fees

- The fee for a marriage license is $86.00 and may be paid by cash, check or credit card. When using a credit card a transaction fee of 3.5% will be charged.
- This fee may be reduced to $61.00 if the parties participate in an approved premarital preparation course provided by a Qualified Course Provider who is registered with this office. A list of these registered qualified course providers is available in the Clerk’s Office. The course provider must furnish the parties with a Certificate of Completion which must be presented to the Clerk’s Office when applying for the marriage license, in order to receive the reduced fee.
Wedding Ceremonies

The Martin County Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office provides the service of solemnizing marriage ceremonies through the Official Records and Marriage Services Division.

- Ceremonies are performed Monday through Friday by appointment. Please call 772-288-5551 to schedule a convenient time.
- Unscheduled ceremonies may be accommodated based upon availability of a Deputy Clerk to officiate.
- Ceremonies in Spanish are also performed, but are by appointment only.
- The fee for the ceremony is $30.00, payable by cash, check, money order or credit card. Checks and money orders are to be made payable to Clerk of the Circuit Court. When paying by credit card, a transaction fee of 3.5% is assessed. These fees are in addition to the statutory Marriage License fee.
- Ceremonies are performed at the Courthouse Gazebo or in Memorial Park, weather permitting. When necessary and if space is available, ceremonies may be performed in the Courthouse Complex.
- If guests are being invited to a ceremony, please contact the City of Stuart at 772-288-5340 to ensure availability of the Courthouse Gazebo or Memorial Park.

Officials authorized by Chapter 741, Florida Statutes, such as a notary, ordained clergy, or judicial officer (judge) are also authorized to solemnize your marriage.
Viewing or Obtaining Copies of Marriage Licenses

Copies of marriage licenses for Martin County are available for viewing and purchase in the Official Records Division at our Main Courthouse Office or Online.

- Applicants are provided one certified copy of the marriage license upon recording, at no additional charge.

- For additional copies, the fee is $1.00 per page for the copy and an additional $2.00 to certify the document, if certification is needed. If you are going to use a copy for a legal purpose, you may want to have the copy certified. There is no charge to view a document online or in the clerk’s office.

- You may also send a written request for a copy. Please provide the name of each party as written on the application (ie. bride’s maiden name, family name, etc.), and if known, date of marriage. Please make checks payable to Clerk of the Circuit Court. The mailing address is Clerk of the Circuit Court, Official Records, Post Office Box 9016, Stuart, Florida 34995-9016.

- Images of recorded marriage licenses (from January 1, 1999 through the current date) have been recorded in the Official Records of Martin County and are available online at www.martinclerk.com. From the homepage, click on the “Search Official Records” tab near the top of the page.
Where Your Marriage License Fee Goes

- $25 to the Florida Department of Revenue for the General Revenue Fund. § 741.01(4), Fla. Stat.

- $25 to the Florida Department of Revenue for deposit in the Domestic Violence Trust Fund. § 741.01(2), Fla. Stat.

- $4 to the Florida Department of Revenue for use by the Department of Health for record retention expenses. § 741.02 and § 382.022, Fla. Stat.

- $2 to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for receiving the application and issuance of the marriage license. § 741.01(1), Fla. Stat. (2015).

- $30 to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for preparing and administering the oath; issuing, sealing, and recording the marriage license; and providing a certified copy. § 28.24, Fla. Stat. (2015).