



Birth Certificate Application

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

The law requires you to provide information to order a birth certificate, *Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 7, and Minnesota Rules, part 4601.2600*. It is against the law to provide false information to get a birth certificate. You may be subject to fines, jail time or both. *Minnesota Statutes, section 144.227 and section 609.02, subdivisions 3 and 4.*

Information to locate the requested birth record							
Subject	Subject's first name		Subject's middle name		Subject's last name		Name suffix
	Subject's date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Subject's city of birth		Subject's county of birth	
Parents	Parent one - first name		Parent one - middle name	Parent one - last name		Last name before 1 st marriage	Name suffix
	Parent two - first name		Parent two middle name	Parent two last name		Last name before 1 st marriage	Name suffix

Person completing this application					
Requester name			Requester date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Requester mailing address – Street		Apt/Unit #	City	State	ZIP
United Parcel Service (UPS) will not deliver to PO boxes or APO addresses.		Requester daytime phone		Requester email	

Information about birth certificates: Most Minnesota vital record information is public information. When a record is public, information and certificates are available to individuals who meet the legal requirements in items 1 - 19 below. Other vital record information is confidential. Data about the birth of a child to a woman who was not married to the child's father when that child was conceived or born are confidential, unless the mother chooses to make the record public when the birth is registered. When a record is confidential, information and birth certificates are restricted to those persons listed below in items 20 – 24.

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

Birth certificates available to individuals who meet any of the legal requirements in items 1-19 below (Public records)

- 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. The subject of the vital record (I am requesting my own birth record)
- 9. Party responsible for filing the record (generally a health professional or birth attendant)
- 10. The legal custodian, guardian or conservator of the subject (a certified copy of a court order naming you is required)
- 11. The health care agent for the subject (health care power of attorney is required)
- 12. Subject's personal representative; a certified copy is needed to administer the estate
- 13. Successor of the subject (subject is dead); the certified copy is needed to administer the estate
- 14. Determination or protection of a personal or property right and proof that birth certificate is needed
- 15. Adoption agency — to complete post-adoption search (Employee ID is required)
- 16. Local/state/federal governmental agency (Employee ID is required)
- 17. Attorney – my Minnesota Attorney License Number is: _____ NON-Minnesota license? Affix a copy
- 18. Pursuant to a valid, certified copy of a U.S. court order (not a subpoena) releasing the certificate
- 19. Authorized representative listed in 1-18 above (a signed statement from the person authorizing release to you is required)

Birth certificates available only under the conditions or to the persons named below (Confidential records)

- 20. Parent named on the subject's record
- 21. The legal custodian, guardian or conservator of the subject (a certified copy of a court order naming you is required)
- 22. The subject, when 16 years or older
- 23. Representatives of Minnesota programs that administer child support, medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and services under Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.23 and 626.556. (Employee ID is required)
- 24. Pursuant to a valid, certified copy of a U.S. court order (not a subpoena) releasing the certificate

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Signature and Notary (application must be signed in front of a notary if applying by mail or fax)				
<i>I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.</i>				
If I am not eligible to receive the certificate I requested, the Cottonwood County Recorder will contact me. I give Cottonwood County Recorder permission to apply my payment to a follow up application.				
Requester's signature		Notary Stamp/Seal		
Signed or attested before me on: _____ day of _____, 20 _____				
Printed name of notary				
Notary public signature	My commission expires			
How many certificates do you want?		Request	Fee	Total
One birth certificate sent by First Class Mail®.		1	\$26	\$26
How many <i>additional</i> certificate(s) do you want to purchase for this birth record now?			\$19 each	
NOTICE: Fees are payable at the time of application and are non-refundable. <i>Minnesota Statutes, section 144.226.</i>			Total amount due: Amount must be at least \$26.	
How do you want to pay?				
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card MasterCard/VISA/Discover	Cardholder name		Expiration date	
	Card number		3-digit security code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Check # _____		Make your check or money order payable to Cottonwood County Recorder. 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 application and payment to:				
County Vital Records Office				
Cottonwood County Recorder		P: (507) 831-1458		
PO Box 326		F: (507) 831-3675		
Windom MN 56101				
If you have questions , please contact us at (507) 831-1458				

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