



# Oneida County Clerk's Office

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1 Oneida Ave, P.O. Box 400  
Rhineland, WI. 54501  
Phone: (715)369-6125

## Marriage License Application Information

*Courthouse Office Hours: 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.*

FEE: \$75.00 with a five-day waiting period NOT including the day of application.  
FEE is payable in cash, check or money order only. Credit/debit cards are not accepted.

Marriage license applications cannot be made through the mail.

Both applicants must personally complete the application.

Blood tests are not required.

You may pay an extra \$15.00 fee to waive the five-day waiting period in certain situations,  
please ask when applying for your marriage license.

### WHERE TO APPLY:

If you are a resident of Oneida County, you must apply for your license at the office of the County Clerk in Rhineland.  
Satisfactory proof of residence is required.

If you are a resident of Wisconsin, but not Oneida County, you must apply for the license in the county where you reside.  
After obtaining the license, you may be married anywhere in Wisconsin.

If you are not a Wisconsin resident, you must apply in the county where the marriage is to be performed.

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AT TIME OF APPLICATION:

- ALL PERSONS applying for a marriage license in Oneida County will be required to provide a certified copy of their birth certificate at the time of application. We do not accept a hospital document or a baptismal record. If you do not have this document, you must obtain the "certified legal birth certificate". **NOTE: Certified birth certificates contain the official seal and signature of the County Register of Deeds. Faxed copies of certified birth certificates will not be accepted.**
- A driver's license or State Identification Card (picture ID) and Social Security number. (If the address on the driver's license is not where you currently reside, you must bring in two pieces of dated mail, utility bill or other documentation listing both your name and current address as proof of residency.)
- If either of you have been married before, Wisconsin law requires that you are divorced at least six (6) months before remarrying. You must bring a copy of the final divorce judgment. It must show the date of the divorce and also the Judge's signature. Please check all papers very carefully; we cannot issue a license if the papers are not signed or do not show the date of the divorce.
- If either of you is widowed you must bring a certified copy of the death certificate of your former spouse.
- You need to know the exact date of the wedding. Licenses expire after thirty days, so you do not want to apply too early.
- You need to know the name of the officiant who will perform the ceremony, along with their phone number and address. If you need a Judge or Court Commissioner to perform the marriage ceremony, contact this office or refer to the list of Court Commissioners provided on this web site.
- If you are 16 or 17 years of age, your custodial parent(s) must complete a consent form, provided by the County Clerk's office, before the license can be issued.

## WHO CAN OFFICIATE MY WEDDING

*Applicants or officiants who have questions or concerns regarding the officiant's authority to perform marriages in Wisconsin should seek legal counsel. Information as to the validity of any specific religious organization or any ordination process is not available from the County Clerk's Office or from the State Vital Records Office.*

The following are authorized to be officiating persons:

765.16(1m)(a) **Any ordained member of the clergy of any religious denomination or society** who continues to be an ordained member of the clergy.

765.16(1m)(b) **Any licentiate of a denominational body or an appointee of any bishop** serving as the regular member of the clergy of any church of the denomination to which the member of the clergy belongs, if not restrained from so doing by the discipline of the church or denomination.

765.16(1m)(c) **The 2 parties themselves, by mutual declarations that they take each other** as husband and wife, in accordance with the customs, rules and regulations of any religious society, denomination or sect to which either of the parties may belong.

765.16(1m)(d) **Any judge of a court of record or a reserve judge appointed under s. 753.075.**

765.16(1m)(e) **Any circuit court commissioner appointed under SCR 75.02 (1)** or supplemental court commissioner appointed under s. 757.675 (1).

765.16(1m)(f) Any municipal judge.

765.16(2m) **An officiating person under sub. (1m) (a), (b), (d), (e), or (f)** must be at least 18 years old.

## OPTIONAL MARRIAGE LICENSE OFFICIANTS

Oneida County Law Clerk  
Oneida County Courthouse  
715-369-6240

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Deborah Hatfield  
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## SUPPLEMENTAL COURT COMMISSIONERS

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