

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH FOR AN IOWA VITAL RECORD

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application ID _____

Security # _____

- This application is for a **SEARCH** for an **IOWA** birth, death or marriage record.
- Fees are due upon application.
- If requesting a certified copy of a birth record, complete all items except 2(A).
- If requesting a certified copy of a death record, complete all items except 2(A) and 7.
- If requesting a certified copy of a marriage record, complete all items, including 2(A).
- SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. **EVENT TYPE** (Check one) BIRTH DEATH MARRIAGE

2. **PERSON'S NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE RECORD** _____
FIRST MIDDLE, if any LAST (Surname)

2a. If for Marriage record, SPOUSE'S NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE, if any LAST (Surname)

3. **DATE OF EVENT** (Birth, Death, or Marriage) – BE SPECIFIC – Month, Day, Year _____

4. **PLACE OF EVENT – ONLY EVENTS THAT OCCUR IN IOWA**
(City and/or County) _____

5. **PARENT'S FULL NAME PRIOR TO ANY MARRIAGE** – First, Middle, Last (Surname) _____

6. **2ND PARENT'S FULL NAME** – First, Middle, Last (Surname) _____

7. (Birth Only) WAS THE MOTHER MARRIED AT THE TIME OF CONCEPTION OR BIRTH? Yes No Unknown

8. **LEGAL ACTIONS TO BIRTH RECORD** None Adoption Paternity Establishment Legal Change of Name

8a. IF A LEGAL ACTION OCCURRED, LIST PREVIOUS NAME (on birth certificate) _____
Marriage does NOT change the birth certificate.

9. **PURPOSE FOR COPY** _____ 10. **BIRTHDATE OF APPLICANT** _____

11. **RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON RECEIVING THIS COPY TO PERSON NAMED ON THE RECORD** _____

12. **NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TO RECEIVE THIS COPY:** (MUST BE AGE 18 OR OLDER & ENTITLED TO THE RECORD)

12a. Name of Applicant/Recipient _____

12b. Street address and P.O. Box (if any) _____

12c. City, State and Zip Code _____

13. **THE SEARCH RESULT IS TO BE** (Check one) Mailed Picked up (for in-person requests only)

14. **THE NON-REFUNDABLE FEE TO SEARCH IS \$20.00** and one certified copy is issued if the record is located. Each additional copy of the same record is \$20.00. Indicate the number of copies of this record you need. _____

15. **THIS SEARCH PAID BY** (Check one) Check Money Order Cash Credit Card 16. **AMOUNT ENCLOSED** _____

Checks must be written from the applicant's account; money orders must be in the name of the applicant. Fee payment must accompany this form.

17. **APPLICANT'S NAME** (Print clearly) _____ 18. **DAYTIME PHONE #** _____
(Include area code)

I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I have legal entitlement to a certified copy of this record. I have signed below in front of a notary public or an Iowa registrar of vital records.

19. **APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE** _____ 20. **DATE** _____

APPLICANT'S NAME AS APPEARS ON PHOTO I.D. (Print clearly) _____

State of _____ County of _____ ss _____ (SEAL)

Signed and affirmed in my presence on this ____ day of _____, _____.

_____, My commission expires: _____

Notary Public Signature

Administrative Use Only

I.D. _____

Initials _____

To Request a Search for an Iowa Birth, Death or Marriage Record for the Purpose of Obtaining a Certified Copy

In Iowa, official registration of births, deaths, and marriages began July 1, 1880. Original Records that were registered are on file with the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Vital Records. Statewide record searches are available from the state registrar. Local vital records registrars are located in county recorders' offices, where records of births and deaths that have occurred in that county are maintained. Marriage records are maintained in the county where the license to marry was obtained. County registrars are not authorized by law to have records of single-parent births prior to July 1, 1995; adoption; delayed registrations; legal changes of name; fetal deaths (stillborns); any record ordered sealed by a court of law; or birth, death, and marriages between the years 1921 to 1941. Per Iowa law, information about a specific record is not available over the telephone or by prepared lists. Iowa law provides for public viewing in the county where the record is maintained, or certified copies issued to entitled persons.

Applications to search for a vital record event for the purpose of obtaining a certified copy must be in writing, completely identify the record, establish entitlement to the record being requested, and be accompanied by a current government-issued photo identification. Entitled persons include the person named on the record or that person's spouse, children, legal parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, or legal representative or guardian. Legal guardians and representatives must also provide additional proof of guardianship or representation. **Applicants must be 18 or older.**

A \$20.00 fee is required to search for a record and includes one certified copy. Each additional copy of the same record is also \$20.00. If the record is not located, the applicant receives a notification to that effect. The \$20.00 search fee is not refundable. Fees are payable in U.S. funds by check or money order to the issuing registrar's office.

Written requests and fees may be mailed to the address below. Requests must state the relationship to the person named on the record and the purpose for the copy. **The application must be signed in front of a notary public and include a clear photocopy of the applicant's current government-issued photo identification must accompany the request.**

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