

Approval for Issuance of marriage license to a person 17 years of age

Per Florida Statutes 741.04, The Clerk of the Court may not issue a license to marry to a 17 year old unless

- The person is at least 17 years of age
- Provides a consent affidavit of his or her parents or legal guardian to the parties to the marriage

Both parents/guardians that are giving consent must complete and file a separate affidavit unless:

- It is stated on the affidavit that one parent is deceased.
 - If parents are divorced, the parent signing the affidavit was granted sole responsibility of the minor child or the court order specifically grants the parent signing this affidavit ultimate responsibility to consent to the marriage of the minor.
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- Affidavit must be signed and subscribed before a clerk or notary.
 - Affidavit shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court office, Marriage License Department.
 - Notarized Affidavit(s) and attachments shall be reviewed by a Deputy Clerk.
 - In St. Johns County, no party shall be taken or sent to the Judge's Chambers.
 - **Only AFTER review shall the Clerk of Court issue a marriage license to a 17-year-old.**
 - After review, the parties are now authorized for the issuance of a marriage license. The marriage license is processed just as any other marriage license.

By Statute the affidavit must list and affirm:

- Names and ages of both parties applying for a marriage license.
- The social security number, alien registration number or any other available identification number for each person.
- The marital party is at least 17 years of age.
- The older party to the marriage is not more than 2 years older than the younger party to the marriage.
- If other parent is deceased.
- If responsibility was given through a divorce.

Parent(s) must present along with Affidavit:

- A valid driver's license or state ID, a passport or military identification.
- If one of party's parents is deceased, a Certified copy of the death certificate.
- If the parent signing was granted sole responsibility or ultimate responsibility to consent to the marriage, a certified copy of the Divorce decree.

Applicants 17 years of age must present along with Affidavit:

- A valid driver's license or state ID, or a passport.
- Both parties must provide their Social Security numbers.
- **Both parties must provide a certified copy of your birth certificate showing both parents' names.**