

# **CULLMAN COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE GUIDELINES**

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This information is provided for persons interested in obtaining a marriage license in Cullman County.

Under Alabama law, marriage licenses issuance is purely ministerial and probate judges have no discretion when carrying out this duty. Accordingly, it is the policy of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County to issue marriage licenses in strict compliance with and as legally required under Alabama law. The information contained herein is purely informational and should not be considered reflective of any personal opinions or beliefs of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, or any persons under their employment.

### **Requirements for Persons 18 years or older**

- The Judge of Probate of Cullman County is responsible for the issuance of a marriage licenses.
- Both parties must be present at the Probate Office, at the same time, to obtain the license.
- Both Parties must be sober and competent to marry,(not declared incompetent) and have the ability to comprehend and understand what they are doing.
- If either party has been divorced, or the divorce was finalized within 1 (one) year of the date that you are applying for the marriage license, you must present the final decree of divorce.
- There is no waiting period.
- The Marriage License is good for thirty (30) days from the date of issuance.
- Probate Marriage License hours are 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- The cost of the license is \$71.00/Cash, Check or Credit Card accepted.
- No person under the age of sixteen (16) can obtain a marriage license in the State of Alabama.

### **Requirements for Persons 16 or 17 years of age**

#### **All of the requirements listed below must be met**

- At least one parent must be a legal resident of Cullman County (proof of residency is required).
- Once residency is established, both parents must be present or the custodial parent must provide a certified copy of a termination of parental rights order or a divorce decree or legal document that grants care, custody and control to the custodial parent (subject to review and decision by Licensing Authority).
- If one or both parents are deceased, proper evidence of such must be provided.

- If parents are divorced and one parent has full custody, you must bring a certified copy of the custody order dated & signed by a Judge.
- A certified copy of the state issued birth certificate for the minor.
- Official identification for minor and each parent or legal guardian.
- Legal guardians that are not the parents of the minor must bring a certified copy of the court-appointed guardianship letters dated & signed by a Judge.

**Each applicant must provide one of the following:**

- An Official US Government Issued Picture ID (Military ID, State issued ID, Driver's License, etc.) provided it contains such information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, and eye color. Must be valid. Expired ID is not acceptable.
- Any Official Foreign Government issued Picture ID Card provided it contains information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color. Must be valid. Expired ID is not acceptable.
- An Official Passport. Must be valid. Expired ID is not acceptable.

**OBTAINING COPIES OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE**

Note: You may only obtain a certified copy of a marriage license that was **purchased in Cullman County.**

**Long- distance:**

1. Send a written request including the Groom's full name, Bride's full name and maiden name, and the date of the marriage.
2. Include a check or money order in the full amount.

**Fee for certified copies:**

\$2.00 per certified copy

**Mail to:**

Cullman County Probate Office  
Attn: Marriage License Dept.  
PO BOX 970  
Cullman AL, 35056

**The Cullman County Probate Office does not perform marriage ceremonies**

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