**Marriage Licenses**

A Marriage License can be obtained through the County Clerk’s Office. You must obtain a Marriage License 72 hours prior to being married. Both parties must be present, your Social Security Card and Drivers License are required. The Fee for obtaining a Marriage License is $82.00. Payment must be cash or debit/credit card. (a processing fee will be charged on all debit/credit cards)

Certified Copies Of Marriage License

Certified copies of Marriage Records are available for a fee of $8.00 each. We only have marriage licenses that were purchased and filed in Rains County.

You will need to include in your request the name of the bride and groom as well as the date of marriage. Personal checks accepted. EMAIL REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. Marriage records are open records, no application form is required. No plain copies are issued. Marriage Records are issued as certified copies.

**\*\*\*PLEASE ARRIVE BY 3:45 P.M. TO APPLY\*\*\***

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Minors seeking a marriage license. You must be 18 years of age to apply for a Marriage License. The State of Texas no longer allows parental consent for marriage if you are under the age of 18.

FAMILY CODE TITLE 1.

THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP SUBTITLE A.

MARRIAGE CHAPTER 2.

THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP SUBCHAPTER A. APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

Sec. 2.003. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE BY MINOR. (a) A person under 18 years of age may not marry unless the person has been granted by this state or another

state a court order removing the disabilities of minority of the person for general purposes.

(b) In addition to the other requirements provided by this chapter, a person under 18 years of age applying for a license must provide to the county clerk:

(1) a court order granted by this state under Chapter 31 removing the disabilities of minority of the person for general purposes; or

(2) if the person is a nonresident minor, a certified copy of an order removing the disabilities of minority of the person for general purposes filed with this state under Section 31.007.

Added by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 7, Sec. 1, eff. April 17, 1997.

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