



HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
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**Marriage License
Check List**

- Any person who has attained the age of 18 years may marry if otherwise competent, or between the age of 16 and 18 may marry with the written consent of the person's parents, legal guardian or custodian.
- The marriage license shall become effective on the 6th (sixth) day after issuance and shall remain effective until the 30th (thirtieth) day after issuance.
- The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court to issue marriage licenses, perform marriages, or register domestic partnerships in which one or both parties to the marriage or domestic partnership is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation or resides on Ho-Chunk Nation land. The completion of an application for a marriage license under Ho-Chunk Nation law constitutes the nonmember's consent to the Nation's jurisdiction to grant such a license. The marriage ceremony shall take place on Nation lands.
- A person under the age of 30 must present proof of age by presenting a certified copy of his or her birth certificate or enrollment card. Each party to the marriage must present satisfactory documentary proof of identification and residence.
- Previous Marriages: Each party to the marriage must present satisfactory copies of documents providing proof that they are free to marry, such as proof of death of previous spouses or proof of divorce or annulment of previous marriages. No person who is or has been a party to an action for divorce in any court may marry nor enter into a domestic partnership again until six (6) months after judgment of divorce is granted, and the marriage of any such person solemnized before the expiration of six (6) months from the date of the granting of judgment of divorce shall be void.
- Fee: \$50.00 charge for license. Cash, check, or money order accepted.
- Marriage license hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Application may be obtained, and scheduling of marriage ceremony, with the Clerk of Court or Deputy Clerk.

Any questions please contact the Clerk of Court or Deputy Clerk at 715-284-2722