

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO

## Consent to Marry

The Juvenile Division of Common Pleas Court of Ross County accepts applications for Consent to Marry in accordance with Juvenile Rule 42.

Once consent is granted, the couple must follow the Probate Court guidelines for getting a marriage license.

The requirements for consent to marry are as follows:

1. The Person Seeking Consent (Petitioner) must be 17 years of age;
2. The other party must be either 17 or no more than 4 years older than the Petitioner;
  - a) Where both parties are 17, each shall file an application for consent.
3. The Application must be filed in the county where the Petitioner resides;
4. The Petitioner must either be:
  - a) A member of the armed services;
  - b) Employed and self-subsisting; or
  - c) Independent from the care and control of his or her parent, guardian, or custodian.
5. Complete the attached Consent to Marry Application

### Hearing

Only a judge may grant a Consent to Marry petition. Once an Application is filed, the Court must appoint an attorney as Guardian ad Litem for each party to the intended marriage who is seventeen years of age.

The Court then consults with the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of each person age seventeen who is seeking consent, as well as the guardian ad litem of the person seeking consent. The Court does this in an official, recorded proceeding.

The Court will grant the consent to marry if the Court finds:

1. The information stated in the application is true;
2. The decision to marry of the party to the intended marriage, who is seventeen, is free from force or coercion;
3. Granting of the application is in the best interest of each person age seventeen seeking to be joined in marriage; and
4. Each person age seventeen has the capacity of a person of the age eighteen years or older, as described in R.C. §3109.01.

If granted, a certified copy of the judge's entry is given to the applicant and transmitted to the probate court in the county where the application was filed. If denied, the Petitioner has the right to appeal the Court's denial.

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In the matter of:

Case No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Minor's Name)

**APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE CONSENT**

*[R.C. 3101.02-.05, 3101.042, 3101.011, Juv R. 42]*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_, and currently  
age \_\_\_\_\_, am a minor who desires to enter matrimony with

\_\_\_\_\_

who was born on \_\_\_\_\_, and is age \_\_\_\_\_.

I reside at \_\_\_\_\_. I am a  
resident of Ross County.

I hereby affirm that one or more of the following is true: (Check the box which applies)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of the armed services;

\_\_\_\_\_ I am employed and self-subsisting; or

\_\_\_\_\_ I am independent from the care and control of my parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

The name and address of my parent, guardian, or custodian is

\_\_\_\_\_.

I affirm that the individual I am seeking to marry is not more than four years older than me. I am making this application free from force or coercion. I respectfully file this application requesting that the Judge of the Juvenile Court find by clear and convincing evidence that the intended marriage and the emancipation is in my best interest, in accordance with Juvenile Rule 42. I have not filed this application in a juvenile court of another county within the state.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

J. Jeffrey Benson, Judge

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Deputy Clerk

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**CONSENT TO MARRY  
INFORMATION SHEET**

**PETITIONER**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/EMPLOYMENT STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITIONER'S PARENT(S), GUARDIAN(S), OR CUSTODIAN(S)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER MARRYING PARTY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/EMPLOYMENT STATUS \_\_\_\_\_