

**HOLMES COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**  
**CONSENT TO MARRY INSTRUCTIONS**  
O.R.C. Section 3101.04 and 3101.041

You must be 18 years old to apply for a marriage license. If you are 17 years old, Ohio law provides a process to apply to the Juvenile Court for consent to marry.

1. Complete and file a Consent to Marry Application (copy attached). The filing fee of \$48.00 is due at the time of filing.
2. An Attorney will be appointed for each party who is seventeen years of age to serve as a Guardian ad Litem for that party. A separate fee of \$150.00 for the services of each Guardian ad Litem must be paid when the Application is filed.
3. A hearing will be held and you and at least one parent or custodian must be present.
4. If the Juvenile Court Judge or Magistrate grants the consent to the marriage, a marriage license **will not be issued until fourteen (14) calendar days after consent is filed in Probate Court, AND** you have completed marriage counseling satisfactory to the Court (see attached "MARRIAGE COUNSELING STATEMENT").

**HOLMES COUNTY JUVENILE COURT  
APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO MARRY  
Juvenile Rule 42**

O.R.C. Section 3101.02, 3101.041, 3101.042

**In the Matter of:**

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(the Court will assign a no.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant Name** (Please print)

I am seventeen (17) years old and am applying for consent to marry:

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My date of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My mailing address (if different) is: \_\_\_\_\_

My phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

The county I reside in is: \_\_\_\_\_

A similar application HAS NOT been filed in a Juvenile Court of another county (check box if applies).

\_\_\_\_\_  
The individual (name) I plan to marry is: \_\_\_\_\_

His/her date of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_

He/she is not more than four (4) years older than myself (check box if applies).

\_\_\_\_\_  
My father's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

His address is: \_\_\_\_\_

His phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My mother's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Her address is: \_\_\_\_\_

Her phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My legal guardian or custodian's name (if applicable) is: \_\_\_\_\_

His or her address is: \_\_\_\_\_

His or her phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check any of the following that apply to you **(at least one option must be selected to file application)**:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I am employed and self-subsisting (meeting my financial needs)

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

I am making the decision to marry of my own free will and am not being forced to do so. I believe it is in my best interest to get married.

I respectfully file this application, requesting the Judge or Magistrate of the Juvenile Court give consent by finding clear and convincing evidence that the intended marriage and the emancipation is in my best interest.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian/Custodian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

