

## Birth Certificates

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### Who Can Request a Birth Certificate

Montana law allows a certified birth certificate to be issued only to:

- Self
- Mother
- Father (if listed on the certificate)
- Spouse
- Grandparents (with proof of relationship)
- Child

Caretaker relative, guardian, an authorized representative, or those who provide documentation showing it is needed for determination or protection of the individuals personal or property rights. Proof of relationship, guardianship, caretaker relative, or authorization is required to obtain a certified copy of a birth record. [Download a request form.](#)

### Uncertified Copies

Uncertified (informational) copies can be issued for births that have occurred 30 years prior to the date of the application. In Ravalli County we still need to know the relationship of the person requesting the copy.

### Fees

- Certified Copy - \$8 plus .50 for postage
- Informational Copy - \$ .50 plus .50 for postage

### Required Information For Requests

Each request for a certified or informational copy of a birth certificate must be in writing and must contain the following information:

- Registrant's full name
- Date of Birth
- Mother's maiden name
- Applicant's relationship to the registrant
- Reason for the request
- Signature of the applicant
- Copy of applicant's driver's license or other photo identification

County Application  
**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

**WHO CAN ORDER A BIRTH CERTIFICATE?**

Only those authorized by 50-15-121 MCA and 37.8.126 ARM, which includes the registrant (14 years old or older), the registrant's spouse, children (with proof of relationship), parents, grandparents (with proof of relationship), a caretaker relative, guardian, an authorized representative, or those who provide documentation showing it is needed for determination or protection of the individuals personal or property rights. Proof of relationship, guardianship, caretaker relative, or authorization is required to obtain a certified copy of a birth record.

Step-relatives, in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, ex-spouses, and a natural parent of an adoptive child are not eligible to receive a certified copy of a birth certificate..

**IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED**

The person signing the request must provide an enlarged legible photocopy of both sides of their valid driver's license or other legal picture identification with a signature or the requestor must have this application notarized.

**Suggested Identification**

Picture ID with a Signature	OR Two Forms of ID – One MUST have a Signature		OR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driver's License</li> <li>• State ID Card</li> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• Military ID Card</li> <li>• Tribal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Security Card</li> <li>• Work ID Card</li> <li>• Car registration/Insurance</li> <li>• Doctor/Medical record</li> <li>• Fishing License</li> <li>• US Military DD214</li> <li>• Utility Bill with a current address</li> <li>• Voter Registration Card</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit/Debit/ATM Card</li> <li>• School ID Card</li> <li>• Library Card</li> <li>• Insurance Record</li> <li>• Pay Stub</li> <li>• Traffic/ Pawn ticket</li> <li>• Court record</li> <li>• Year Book</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notarized Montana Office of Vital Statistics Statement to Identify certified Birth or Death Certificate Applicant form (you must provide the original letter, not a photocopy or faxed copy)</li> <li>• Have an authorized family member that has an ID order the certificate</li> </ul>

If a picture ID with a signature is not available, two other forms of identification are required; one MUST have a signature.

**IMPORTANT: If the identification requirement is NOT met or if the application is incomplete, your request will be returned and significant delays in processing your order may occur.**

**FEE (All fees must be U.S. funds)**

- **CERTIFIED COPIES OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE** cost \$8.00 for the each copy. (non-refundable)
- **INFORMATIONAL COPIES OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE** may be issued to anyone as long as the birth occurred 30 years prior to the date of application, cost is \$.50. (non-refundable)
- **SEARCHES:** \$.50 for each year searched. (non-refundable)

**Please complete the following information.**

FULL First, Middle and Last Name on Birth Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Has name ever been changed other than marriage \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes if so original name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth (City or County): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's **Full Maiden** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the certificate holder : \_\_\_\_\_ ( self, mother, father etc...)

Reason the Birth Certificate is needed: \_\_\_\_\_ # of copies \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing or Delivery Address:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Notary (For use if needed) Verification of Signer's ID Is Mandatory**

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_

This record was signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Signer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Notary's Signature)

[Official Stamp]

Official Use Only	
Date	_____
Rec#	_____
Amount	_____
Cert #	_____
Ser #	_____
Comment	_____

**NOTICE: STATE LAW PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO WILLFULLY AND KNOWINGLY USES OR ATTEMPTS TO USE OR FURNISH TO ANOTHER FOR USE, FOR ANY PURPOSE OF DECEPTION, ANY CERTIFICATE, RECORD, REPORT, OR CERTIFIED COPY MADE, ALTERED, AMENDED, OR MUTILATED. (50-15-114(C), MCA)**