



**SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
FAMILY LAW/PROBATE DIVISION**  
P. O. Box 1098, 1100 I Street, Modesto, CA 95353-1098  
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
APPLICATION FOR ORDER GRANTING MINOR  
PERMISSION TO MARRY**

**It is the Court's policy that premarital counseling is necessary before the court considers granting permission to marry. Absent good cause (such as the parties' inability to pay for counseling) premarital counseling will be required in each case.**

1. The minor(s) must pick up a packet from the Clerk of the Superior Court, Family Law Division. This packet contains the following documents:
  - Application for Order Granting Permission for Minor to Marry
  - Consent of Parent or Guardian For Issuance of Marriage License
  - Consent of Parent or Guardian For Issuance of Marriage License – Example in Spanish
  - Marriage Counselor's Report
  - Order on Application for Permission for Minor to Marry

2. Marriage Counseling:

The minor and intended spouse must attend at least three (3) hours of pre-marital counseling together. The counseling session is to be attended by both applicants, even if only one applicant is under age. The minor(s) must provide the enclosed Marriage Counselor's report to the marriage counselor.

The completed report must be attached to the Application for Order Granting Permission for Minor to Marry. If the marriage counselor's report is not attached to the application, the application must explain the reason(s) why it is not attached.

3. Parent's/Guardian's Consent:

The minor must obtain the consent of their parent or guardian, using the Consent of Parent or Guardian for Issuance of Marriage License form contained in this packet. The consent form must be notarized by a notary public.

If a parent or guardian's consent is not obtained and the form is not completed, there must be a reason listed in the application as to why the consent is not attached.

If the consent is signed by a guardian of the minor, a certified copy of letters of guardianship must be attached to the application.

4. The Application for Order Granting Permission for Minor to Marry must be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court. The following completed documents must be **ATTACHED** to the application:

- Marriage Counselor's Report and
- Consent of Parent or Guardian For Issuance of Marriage License

You must also submit an Order on Application for Permission for Minor to Marry that will be reviewed by the Judge of the Superior Court. This will be "received" by the Clerk of the Court along with your "filed" documents.

5. There will be a fee charged to file your documents. If Minor can't pay the fee, they may submit a fee waiver. If both parties are minors they will both need to submit a fee waiver.
6. Once the documents are filed, the Clerk of the Court will submit the filings to the Judge for consideration of the request for permission to marry. The judge may decide to grant, or to deny the request or to set the matter for hearing in front of the judge. Because of workloads, it may take up to 5 business days to receive an answer from the judge. The couple are asked to leave their intended wedding date and the work and home phone numbers with the Clerk of the Court, and we will call you with the results.
7. The marriage license cannot be issued without the judge's consent. If the judge denies the minor's application for marriage, the couple will not be allowed to purchase a marriage license. The judge's decision is final; you may not submit your request to another judge.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY(S) WITHOUT ATTORNEY (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE)  Attorney for:	<i>FOR COURT USE ONLY</i>
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<b>IN MATTER OF:</b>  _____, Male applicant <p style="text-align: center;"><b>To marry:</b></p> _____, Female applicant	
<b>APPLICATION FOR ORDER GRANTING          PERMISSION FOR MINOR TO MARRY</b>	<b>CASE NO:</b> _____

We, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_,  
 are hereby applying to the Court for an order for permission to marry, pursuant to Family Code section 302.

1. Attached to this application for consideration by the Court are the following documents:

A)  Premarital Counseling Report

The Premarital Counseling Report is not attached because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

B)  A notarized Consent of Parent or Guardian for Issuance of Marriage License

A certified copy of Letters of Guardianship (Required if consent is granted by the guardian of the minor)

No consent by the parent or guardian is attached because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. The following information is provided to the Court for consideration regarding the parties who are requesting permission to marry.

**A) Male applicant's information – (please complete the following):**

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Highest grade in school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Currently attending school:  YES  NO
- 6) I  am  am not a ward or dependent of the juvenile court.
- 7) I  have  have not ever been married, \_\_\_\_\_ times.  
If applicable, any prior marriages were ended by:  annulment  divorce  death
- 8) My fiancé and I  do  do not have children.  
If applicable, we have \_\_\_\_\_ (list number of) children.  
I  do  do not contribute to their support.
- 9) I have \_\_\_\_\_ (list number of) other children.  
I  do  do not contribute to their support.
- 10) Employment information:
  - I am not employed. I am supported by:
    - No source of support
    - Unemployment benefits
    - Friends
    - Welfare
    - Parents
    - Social Security
    - Relatives other than Parents
    - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - I am employed, since (list date): \_\_\_\_\_  
My current occupation is: \_\_\_\_\_  
My take home wages are: \_\_\_\_\_ per month, \_\_\_\_\_ per week.  
My employer is: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) I have known my fiancé for \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.

12) My parents' consideration of this proposed marriage is as follows:

- They approve
- They object
- Unknown
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

13) If we are granted permission to marry, we will live:

- By ourselves
- With fiancé's parents
- With my parents
- With relatives other than parents
- With friends

14) We are currently living:

- With fiancé's parents
- With my parents
- With relatives other than parents
- With friends
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**B) Female applicant's information – (please complete the following):**

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Highest grade in school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Currently attending school:  YES  NO
- 6) I  am  am not a ward or dependent of the juvenile court.
- 7) I  have  have not ever been married (\_\_\_\_\_ times)  
If applicable, any prior marriages were ended by:  annulment  divorce  death
- 8) My fiancé and I  do  do not have children.  
 I am currently pregnant.  
If applicable, we have \_\_\_\_\_ (list number of) children.  
I  do  do not contribute to their support.

9) I have \_\_\_\_\_ (list number of) other children.

I  do  do not contribute to their support.

10) Employment information:

I am not employed. I am supported by:

No source of support

Unemployment benefits

Friends

Welfare

Parents

Social Security

Relatives other than Parents

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am employed, since (list date): \_\_\_\_\_

My current occupation is: \_\_\_\_\_

My take home wages are: \_\_\_\_\_ per month, \_\_\_\_\_ per week.

My employer is: \_\_\_\_\_

11) I have known my fiancé for \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.

12) My parents' opinion of our proposed marriage is as follows:

They approve

They object

Unknown

Other \_\_\_\_\_

13) If we are granted permission to marry, we will live:

By ourselves

With fiancé's parents

With my parents

With relatives other than parents

With friends

14) We are currently living:

- With fiancé's parents
- With my parents
- With relatives other than parents
- With friends
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Executed at \_\_\_\_\_, California.

Signature of Male Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Female Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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GROOM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ ) MARRIAGE COUNSELOR'S  
 ) REPORT  
BRIDE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) CASE # \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE COUNSELOR: The following topics are important areas of consideration in attempting to aid young couples contemplating marriage. After your counseling session with the couple, please give your impressions of the amount of understanding, ability or problems the couple appear to have of each topic as well as any other areas of concern you have discussed.

The counseling session must be three (3) hours in length and both applicants must be present for the entire session. Please indicate on this form that these requirements have been met. Under the heading "Counselor's Recommendation," please indicate your general feelings regarding the appropriateness of the proposed marriage and whether you recommend the court allow the couple to marry at this time.

COUNSELING TOPICS

MOTIVATIONS FOR MARRIAGE (Is the couple primarily motivated by pregnancy, parental pressure, romantic notions, desire to escape home, etc...)

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PERSONALITY INVENTORIES AND COMMUNICATION: (How much do the couple know of each other, how well do they communicate, how do they adjust to personality differences, etc...)

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



FINANCIAL UNDERSTANDING: (How well does the couple understand the concepts of planning a family budget, living within their means, credit, insurance, etc...)

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SEXUAL ADJUSTMENT:

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PROBLEM SOLVING: (Does one person let the other know when something is bothering them, how do they deal with problems, do they "fight fair," what about outside demands on their relationship, etc...)

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIPS WITH RELATIVES: (How does the couples' family backgrounds influence their future life together, how do they interact with their future in-laws, etc...)

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY PLANNING: (Has the couple discussed the disciplining of children, means of birth control, alternatives if the future bride is now pregnant, what the role of the parent should be, etc...)

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

RELIGION: (The role of religion in the raising of children, future problems, if any in inter-faith marriages, etc...)

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS: (Present and future plans)

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

COUNSELOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GROOM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named applicants have received no less than three (3) hours of pre-marital counseling by

NAME OF COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF/AND AFFILIATION OF COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE

NOTE: This three (3) page form must be completed by the counselor





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The Court having read and considered:

- 1) The application for order granting permission to marry;
- 2) The parental guardian consent to marry;  
Or  
The minor has no parent or has no parent capable of consenting to the marriage;
- 3) The premarital counseling report;  
Or  
Good cause has been shown to excuse premarital counseling;
- 4) Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IT IS ORDERED:**

- 1) That the minor person(s) is/are granted permission to marry.
- 2) That this Court order be filed with the Clerk of the Court.
- 3) That a certified copy of this order shall be presented to the County Clerk at the time the marriage license is issued.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT