WISCONSIN BIRTH CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

(for Mail or In-Person Requests)

TYPE or PRINT.

PENALTIES: Any person who illegally possesses any vital record with knowledge that the vital record has been illegally obtained is guilty of a Class I felony [a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 3 years and 6 months, or both, per Wis. Stat. § 69.24(1)].

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

CURRENT NAME - First	Last		**MAIL TO** NAME - First *(if different)*	Last	
YOUR **STREET** ADDRESS (***CANNOT*** *be a P.O. Box address)* Apt. No			**MAIL TO** ADDRESS *(if different)*		Apt. No
City	State	ZIP Code	City	State	ZIP Code
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER ( )			EMAIL ADDRESS		
TYPE OF CURRENT VALID PHOTO ID (See item 4 on page 2.)	**PHOTO** ID NUMBER		STATE OF ISSUANCE	EXPIRATION DATE	

II. APPLICANT'S RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON NAMED ON THE CERTIFICATE

Per Wis. Stat. § 69.20(1), a CERTIFIED copy of a birth certificate is only available to those with a "direct and tangible interest." (A–E)

CHECK ONE box which indicates YOUR RELATIONSHIP to the PERSON NAMED on the birth certificate.

A. ☐ I **am** the PERSON NAMED on the birth certificate.

B. I am a **member of the immediate family** of the person named on the birth certificate.

☐ Parent (My name is on the birth certificate and my parental rights have not been terminated.)

☐ Brother / Sister ☐ Current Spouse ☐ Child

☐ Maternal Grandparent ☐ Paternal Grandparent ☐ Current Domestic Partner (registered in the Wis. Vital Records System)

C. ☐ I am the **legal custodian or guardian** of the person named on the birth certificate.

D. ☐ I am a **representative authorized** by any person in category A, B or C, including an attorney.

Specify the person you represent: _____

E. ☐ I can demonstrate the birth certificate is necessary for the **determination or protection of a personal or property right**.

Specify your interest: _____

F. ☐ None of the above. I am requesting an **uncertified** copy. (Copy will not be valid for identity or legal purposes.)

NOTE: Grandchildren, stepparents, stepchildren and stepbrothers / stepsisters may only obtain certified copies as categories C-E.

PURPOSE FOR WHICH CERTIFICATE IS REQUESTED:

III. FEES

First Copy Fee ..... $ 20.00 __20.00____

Each additional copy of the same record, issued at the same time as the first copy _____ X $ 3.00 _____
Number of additional copies

TOTAL _____

Submit your application materials and fee to: Milwaukee County Register of Deeds, 901 N. 9th St. - Rm. 103, Milwaukee, WI 53233

Be sure to include: ☐ completed form, ☐ acceptable identification, ☐ payment, ☐ any additional proof or authorization required and a self addressed, stamped, business-size envelope

*****Payment must be a money order or cashier's check. No personal checks.*****

IV. BIRTH RECORD INFORMATION

BIRTH NAME - First		**Middle**	**Last Name** ***as it appears on the birth certificate***
SEX ☐ **Male** ☐ **Female**	**BIRTHDATE** (MM/DD/YYYY)	**PLACE OF BIRTH - County**	**PLACE OF BIRTH – City, Village, or Township**
PARENT'S BIRTH NAME – First		Middle	Last
PARENT'S BIRTH NAME – First		Middle	Last

I hereby attest that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am entitled to copies of the requested birth certificate in accordance to the categories listed above.

SIGNATURE (Applicant) ➢	Date Signed (MM/DD/YYYY)

Important: Signature and payment are required for processing.

Clear / Reset Form

1. What is the difference between a "certified" and an "uncertified" copy of a birth certificate?

A CERTIFIED COPY:

- Is printed on security paper, has a raised seal, and shows the signature of the State Registrar or Local Registrar.
- Can be used for legal purposes.
- Can only be obtained with a direct and tangible interest as defined in Wis. Stat. § 69.20(1).

AN UNCERTIFIED COPY:

- Is printed on plain paper and marked "uncertified."
- Is for information purposes only and cannot be used for identity or legal purposes.
- Contains the same information as a certified copy.

2. Limitations on access to certain birth certificates

According to Wis. Stat. ch. 69, uncertified copies of the following types of birth certificates may not be obtained by anyone:

- A child born to unmarried parents and paternity has not been established.
- A child born to unmarried parents and paternity was established by court order.

3. How long will it take to process my request?

APPLYING IN PERSON

* Requests for certified copies of birth certificates are usually completed within 30 minutes of application.
* Requests for uncertified copies of birth certificates are not completed on the same schedule as requests for certified copies. In-person requests for uncertified copies will be mailed to applicant and may take up to 2 weeks.

APPLYING BY MAIL

Requests for certificates may take up to 2 weeks.

For faster service log on-line at www.vitalchek.com (certified records only). Additional fees applied.

4. What identification is required when applying for a birth certificate?

Requests for certified copies require proof of identification. Applicant's original ID is required for in-person applications. A **photocopy** of the applicant's ID is required for mail applications.

At least one form of ID must show your name and address. Expired cards or documents will not be accepted.

Examples of acceptable forms of identification include:

One of these:

- State issued driver's license or ID card
- US Government issued photo ID
- US or Foreign passport
- Tribal or Military ID card

OR

Two of these:

- Bank/Earnings statement
- Current, dated, signed lease
- Health insurance card
- Utility bill or traffic ticket
- Vehicle registration/title

If you have questions regarding this form, please call 414-278-4027 or visit our website at www.county.milwaukee.gov.