

CONFIDENTIAL
APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE

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Sometimes pastors have to deal with very personal and touchy situations before performing a wedding. Your help in filling out this paper is appreciated. You can be assured that any information given will remain confidential. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. This information will enable the pastor to know if he/she can conscientiously perform your wedding and assist him/her in providing the pre-marital counseling. Completion of this form is the first step toward securing your wedding date with us. Consent to perform your marriage ceremony will be given only after meeting with the pastor who has been requested to perform the ceremony. Once consent is given, you may complete the "Building Use Request" in order to secure your wedding date. ****Please get the written approval from both, the Pastor performing the ceremony and the "Building Use Request" BEFORE announcing your wedding date.***

THE CEREMONY

Date of Application: _____

In which Michigan County will you acquire your marriage license? _____

Requested Date of Ceremony: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Requested Time of Ceremony: _____

Facility Desired: ___ Cornerstone A/G ___ Other Venue: _____

Type of Ceremony: ___ Sanctuary Wedding ___ Office Wedding ___ Outdoor Wedding

Will the wedding be: Small/Private: _____ Full/Open: _____ Estimated # of Guests _____

Name of the Pastor requested to conduct the ceremony: _____

There is no set cost for the Pastor to perform the ceremony, but a love offering for his/her service is appreciated.

If consent is given to perform this ceremony, are you willing to have six (6) counseling sessions to be completed before the Wedding? ___Yes ___No

The cost for the pre-marital sessions is \$60.00, which would include a workbook. This fee needs to be paid once consent for the wedding is given by the pastor performing the ceremony.

COUPLE'S QUESTIONS

The following questions are designed to assist the pastor in detecting any potential trouble spots in your future marriage relationship, so that he/she may assist you in confronting those issues in a constructive manner, and ultimately help to build a solid and strong marriage that will last your lifetime.

How long have you two known each other? _____

How long have you two kept steady company? _____

How long have you been engaged? _____

Have you been engaged before? Groom-to-Be: Y / N Bride-to-Be Y / N

Where do you plan to live? _____

Are you living together with your intended spouse? Y / N **If yes, please complete next page.*

Will you, as a couple, live alone, in someone else's household, or will someone else be living with you two? _____

What interests do the both of you have in common, with each other?

Are you inclined to be extravagant or frugal? Groom _____ Bride: _____

Have you discussed, in detail, how much debt you each will be bringing into the marriage? Y / N

Have you considered working out a budget in keeping within your total income? Y / N

Have you decided who will manage the budget and pay the bills? Y / N

Have you discussed getting a joint bank account and closing all individual accounts? Y / N

Have you discussed how you will handle "big purchases" (Credit vs Cash, Anything spent over \$x.00 amount, etc)? _____

CURRENT MARITAL STATUS

In accordance with biblical standards and the bylaws of the Assemblies of God, our Pastors will not perform a marriage ceremony for anyone who has been divorced, whose former spouse is still living, unless the divorce was the result of marital infidelity (Matthew 19:9) or when a Christian has been divorced by an unbeliever when the divorce results over matters of religious faith (1 Corinthians 7:15, 27, 28)

We believe that living together (platonically or otherwise) is inconsistent with the teachings of God's word. Our Pastors will only agree to marry cohabiting couples, if they agree to one of the following:

_____ Find separate housing until after the wedding

_____ Come in for an immediate private service

_____ (If there are children living in the home) Both agree to sleep in separate rooms and abstain from sexual relations until after the wedding. (Note: If your children are old enough to understand, explain to them your decision to honor God. This too will help hold you accountable and encourage them in their future relationships to put God first.)

Check which decision you both agree to, then sign below stating your commitment to do so, and to hold each other accountable to.

Groom-to-Be

Bride-to-Be

Dated: _____

Witnessed and Discussed with Pastor: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BRIDE-TO-BE

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Alt.) _____

Best time to reach you by phone? _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Birthplace: _____

Are you currently employed? Y / N

What is your occupation? _____

Will you be working outside the home after you are married? Y / N

Are you and your spouse to be in agreement with this arrangement? Y / N

Are you currently pregnant? Y / N

Have you discussed the possibility of children with your spouse to be? Y / N

When would you like to begin a family and do your plans include adoption or natural births?

Have you discussed future goals, plans, vacations desired, with your spouse-to-be? Y / N

Do you have plans to attend college or any other type of extended trade skill development?

What is your attitude toward your future in-laws?

Are you single, **never** married? Y / N

Are you widowed? Y / N

How long has your spouse been deceased? _____

Have you been divorced? Y / N

How many times? _____

Who filed for the divorce? Myself _____ Spouse _____

Was adultery the ground for divorce? Y / N

If not, what were the grounds? _____

Is your former spouse still living? Y / N

If married and divorced, more than once, how many previous spouses are still living? _____

How many children do you have from previous marriages or relationships? _____

If under age, who has custody? _____ Will they live with you? _____

SPIRITUAL

What is your religious background? _____

Did you attend church regularly as a child? Y / N

Do you consider yourself to be a born again believer? Y / N

Please give a brief testimony: _____

What church do you now regularly attend? _____

Are you a member? Y / N

Why isn't your home church pastor performing the ceremony? _____

What church will you attend after marriage? _____

If you come from different denominations, what are your plans for agreement?

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