



Death Certificate Application

To obtain any Minnesota death certificate, Minnesota law requires you to supply the information on this form, pay the required fee, and provide acceptable identification.

Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 7, and Minnesota Rules, part 4601.2600, subpart 5.

Information about the deceased person - used to locate the requested death record

Deceased Person	First name (required)		Middle name (required)	Last name (required)	Name suffix	
	Date of death [MM/DD/YYYY] (required)	Date of birth [MM/DD/YYYY]	Or Age	City of death	County of death (required)	State MN
	First parent's name		Second parent's name		Spouse on record (if any)	

What kind of death certificate do you want?

- Certified death certificate *with* cause of death information
- Certified death certificate *without* cause of death information (only for records 1997 to today)
- Certified VA death certificate for Veterans Affairs-related purposes

Requester - person completing this application – this information is required by law

Requester	Requester name (please print)				Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)		
	Mailing address - UPS will not deliver to PO boxes or APO addresses.			Apt/Unit #	City	State	ZIP Code
	Daytime phone (10-digit)			Email			

MANDATORY — Mark the boxes that describe your relationship to the deceased person:

1. A child of the subject
2. The parent of the subject
3. The sibling of the subject
4. The spouse on the record
5. The grandparent of the subject
6. The grandchild of the subject
7. Subject's personal representative: the certified death certificate is required for the administration of the estate
8. Successor of the subject; the certified death certificate is required for the administration of the estate
9. Trustee of a trust; the certified death certificate is required for the proper administration of the trust
10. Determination or protection of a personal or property right (*You must submit documentation showing this relationship*)
11. Adoption agency — to complete post-adoption search (*Employee ID required*)
12. Attorney – I represent the subject, or a person listed in items 1-10 above. **If you are a NON-Minnesota attorney, attach a copy of your attorney license**
My **Minnesota** Attorney License Number is:
13. I am presenting a valid, certified copy of a U.S. court order (not a subpoena) that orders release of the death certificate to me
14. Local/state/tribal/federal governmental agency (*Employee ID required*)
15. I have a signed statement from a person listed above; it specifies the decedent's full name (first, middle, last) and date of death, the signer's relationship to the subject of the record, and authorizes me to obtain the certificate.
16. I represent the Department of Veterans Affairs (Best practice: wait until family has verified death record).

Sign this form in front of a Notary Public if you are applying by MAIL or FAX.

I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. It is against the law to provide false information to get a death certificate. You may be subject to fines, jail time or both. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.227 and section 609.02, subdivisions 3 and 4.

Signature of requester named above	Date
	(if applying in person)

Notary Public	Signed or attested before me on _____ day of _____, 20_____		Notary stamp/seal
	Printed name of notary public		
	Notary public signature	My commission expires	

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Name of person completing this application			
How many certified death certificates do you want?		Fee	Death certificates
One certified death certificate sent by First Class Mail		\$13.00	
Extra copies are \$6 each <i>if you buy them at the same time as one purchased at \$13.</i>		x \$6.00	# of extra copies
The certificate(s) will be returned to you by standard mailing. For an additional cost, you may choose to have your certificate(s) returned to you by Priority mailing. Please contact the post office for current rates and add to total amount due.		\$	
How many VA death certificates do you want?		Fee	VA certificates
VA death certificates are for Veterans Affairs related purposes only		\$0	\$0
Fees are due with the application and are non-refundable. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.226.			Total due
Total due = costs of death certificate(s)			
How do you want to pay?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card MasterCard/VISA/Discover	Cardholder name	Valid thru MM/YY	
	Card number	3-digit security code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Check #		There is an additional \$2 fee added to all payments made by card. Card payments over \$73 have a 2.75% fee charged on the total amount. By choosing to use a card for payment, you are consenting to the associated fees. Make check or money order payable to BIG STONE COUNTY RECORDER and send by mail with application. DO NOT SEND CASH. Checks returned for non-payment will result in a \$30 charge to you. You could also face civil penalties. <i>Minnesota Statute, section 604.113, subdivision 2.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Money order Money order #			
SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:			
Big Stone County Recorder and Office of Vital Statistics 20 Second Street SE Ortonville, MN 56278 OR Email to: recorder@bigstonecounty.gov OR Fax to: 320.839.6394			
If you have questions, please contact us at 320-839-6390 .			