

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED MISSISSIPPI BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Mississippi State Department of Health  
Vital Records  
Post Office Box 1700, Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1700

<b>Full Name on Birth Record</b>		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
<b>Date of Birth</b>	MONTH	DAY	YEAR (4 digit)	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
<b>Place of Birth</b>	COUNTY		CITY	STATE
<b>Name/Last Name of Mother or Parent</b>	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST (MAIDEN)	<b>Race of Mother/Parent</b>
<b>Name/Last Name of Father or Parent</b>	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST (MAIDEN)	<b>Race of Father/Parent</b>
PERSON REQUESTING CERTIFIED COPY				
<b>Relationship Or Interest of Person Requesting Certificate</b>			<b>Purpose for Which Needed</b>	
<b>Signature of Person Requesting</b>				<b>Date</b>

A BIRTH RECORD SEARCH REQUIRES ADVANCE PAYMENT OF A **NON REFUNDABLE** SEARCH FEE OF \$17.00 AND VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

Pursuant to Section 41-57-2 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated and as defined by Mississippi State Board of Health Rules and Regulations, only persons having legitimate and tangible interest in a birth certificate are entitled to obtain a copy. Anyone obtaining a copy of a birth certificate under false pretenses is subject to the penalties described in Section 41-57-27 of the Mississippi Code.

The \$17.00 fee entitles the applicant to one certified copy of the birth record on file or, if the record is not found, a "Not on File" statement will be returned.

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**Additional Certified copies** of the same record ordered at the same. \$6.00 for each additional certified copy.

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**AMOUNT ENCLOSED.** Make money order or cashier's check payable to Mississippi Vital Records. **(DO NOT SEND CASH)**

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<b>No. of copies</b>				<b>Amt. Enclosed</b>

## PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED

Failure to provide the proper identification will result in the application being returned to you without processing. Acceptable forms of identification are: **Valid Driver's License, State Issued Identification Card, Passport, and/or Military Identification Card, Valid School, College or University Identification.** (See back for other acceptable forms.)

### MAILING ADDRESS REQUIRED REGARDLESS OF DELIVERY METHOD

<b>Requestor's Name (Type or Print)</b>			
<b>Mailing Address (include APT number)</b>			
<b>City</b>		<b>State</b>	<b>ZIP Code</b>
<b>Email address:</b>		<b>Cell Phone Number:</b>	<b>Home Phone Number:</b>

## INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIRTH RECORD APPLICATION

### Eligibility:

A certified copy of a birth certificate can be issued only to a person with legitimate and tangible interest as defined by the Rules Governing the Registration and Certification of Vital Events.

Primarily this is:

- 1) Registrant (the child named on the record), if of legal age.
- 2) Parent(s) listed on the birth record, if VR office has not been notified of termination of parental rights.
- 3) Spouse, sibling(s), or grandparent(s)/child(ren) of registrant
- 4) Legal Guardian;; guardianship papers must be provided.
- 5) Legal representative of one of the above persons; proof of representation must be provided.
- 6) Licensed adoption agencies working within the statutory authority of §93-17-205.
- 7) Other person(s) by court order; certified copy of court order must be provided.

For Genealogy purposes: Genealogy must be stated as purpose for certificate. Relationship to applicant must be provided. Plain paper copies are provided for genealogy purposes.

**Requirements for Ordering:** If applicant is self, spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, child, grandchild, guardian, or legal representative, then the applicant must provide a completed application and a copy of a valid photo identification of the applicant. Acceptable forms of identification are the following:

Photo Driver's License	Photo State Issued ID	Employment ID
School, College or University ID	US Military ID	Tribal ID
Alien Registration/Permanent Resident Card	Temporary Resident Card	US Passport

**OR two forms of identification from the following list:**

Social Security Card	Utility Bill (showing address)	Medicaid Card
Snap/EBT card (showing address)	Work Identification	Veteran Universal Access ID Card

Guardian or legal representative must submit proof of guardianship/legal representation with this application.

Legal representatives must provide attorney's bar number, name of person represented, and their relationship to the registrant. If you are an agent of local, state or federal agency requesting a record, indicate in the space provided for "relationship" the name of the agency. If you do not have one of the above referenced documents, please contact Vital Records at 601-206-8200.

**Relationship to Applicant:** A person ordering his or her own certificate should enter "SELF" in this space. Also, explain if name has been changed by marriage, legal name change (when and where), etc. Others must identify their relationship to the registrant clearly. For genealogy, relationship to applicant must be provided.

**Nonrefundable:** Vital record fees are nonrefundable, with the exception of fees paid for additional copies if no record is found.

**Failure to Receive:** Complaints of failure to receive certified records will be honored within 3 months of the original request.

Please allow four (4) weeks after mailing the request to make inquires to this office. Inquiries about copies ordered with payment for special courier delivery should be made within 7 days of the request. Mail returned because of insufficient address will be re-mailed if this office is notified of correct address within 3 months of request.

**Options for Service:** Certified copies of birth records may be ordered in person, if paying by credit card, online or by telephone. Processing time is generally 7-10 business days after receipt of request. Payment of fees is required at the time of order.

- **WALK-IN SERVICE** is available at 222 Marketridge Dr., Ridgeland, MS. Credit cards, money orders, cashier's check or cash are accepted.
- **PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD** can be completed by using an online service or by telephone. You can visit [www.msdh.ms.gov](http://www.msdh.ms.gov); on the main page, choose Birth and Death Certificates. If you have questions or need additional assistance call 601-206-8200. A recorded message outlining ordering requirements and options can be accessed by dialing 601-206-8200.

MAIL THIS APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT AND COPY OF IDENTIFICATION TO:  
**MISSISSIPPI VITAL RECORDS**  
**P. O. BOX 1700**  
**JACKSON, MS 39215-1700**