

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the powers vested in me, I hereby rescind the following two forms for use in Family Court proceedings in the courts of the State of New York:

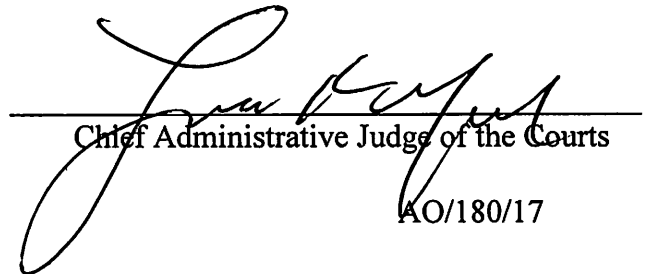
Miscellaneous Forms

- Misc.-1      Petition for Approval of Issuance of Marriage License
- Misc.-2      Order on Petition for Approval of Issuance of Marriage License

Further pursuant to the powers vested in me, I hereby prescribe the following three forms (attached) for use in Family Court proceedings in the State of New York:

Miscellaneous Forms

- Misc.-1      Petition for Approval of Issuance of Marriage License
- Misc.-2      Order on Petition for Approval of Issuance of Marriage License
- Misc.-3      Notice to 17-year Olds Who Want to Get Married

  
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Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated:    September 5, 2017

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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF

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In the Matter of the Application of

Docket No.

A Person 17 years of Age  
for Judicial Approval for Issuance of Marriage  
License

PETITION FOR JUDICIAL  
APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF  
MARRIAGE LICENSE

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TO THE FAMILY COURT:

The undersigned Petitioner respectfully states, upon information and belief, that:

1. I, [specify name]: , am 17 years of age. I was born on [specify date of birth]:

2. I reside at [specify address unless ordered confidential under Family Court Act §154-b]:

3. [Check applicable box]: My  parents  legal guardians are:  
NAME ADDRESS (unless ordered confidential under Family Court Act §154-b)

4. a. I am seeking to apply to the Clerk of [specify city or town]:  
in the county of [specify]:  
for a license to marry [specify name of prospective spouse]:

b. The person I wish to marry is [specify age]: years of age and was  
born on [specify date of birth]:

c. [Applicable if prospective spouse is 17 years of age; check box if applicable] :  
The person I would like to marry:  
 has applied for approval of a marriage to me from [check applicable box]:  
 this Court  another Court [specify]:  
 would like to join me in asking this Court to approve our marriage.

d. The person I wish to marry resides at [specify address unless ordered confidential under Family Court Act §154-b]:

- e. The person I wish to marry is:  employed as:  
 a student at:  
 other:

5. I am entering this marriage of my own free will.

6. I have not been forced or threatened, nor have I been subjected to fraud, coercion or duress to enter this marriage.

7. This marriage will not endanger my mental, emotional or physical safety.

8. This marriage is in my best interest and welfare because [specify]:

9. a. I have no mental or physical disability,  
[check box if applicable]:  except [specify]:

b. I am not aware that the person I would like to marry has any mental or physical disability, [check box if applicable]:  except [specify]:

10. No previous application has been made to any court or judge for approval of this application for a marriage license, [check box if applicable]:  except [specify]:

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request an order approving the issuance of a license for me to marry as provided by Section 15 of the Domestic Relations Law.

Dated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Attorney, if any

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney's Name (Print or Type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney's Address and Telephone Number

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF

)  
) ss.:

, being duly sworn, says that he or she is the Petitioner in the above petition; that he or she has read the foregoing petition and the same is true to his or her own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those-matters he or she believes them to be true.

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Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this            day of

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(Deputy) Clerk of the Court  
Notary Public

At a term of the Family Court of the State of New York,  
held in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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In the Matter of the Application of \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER ON PETITION FOR JUDICIAL APPROVAL  
OF ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE  
LICENSE

A Person 17 Years of Age for Judicial Approval  
of Issuance of Marriage License

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The petition of \_\_\_\_\_, sworn to on \_\_\_\_\_, under Section 15 of the Domestic Relations Law, having been filed in this Court, seeking an order approving the issuance of a marriage license to the Petitioner, who 17 years of age, New York, and to [specify name of prospective spouse]: \_\_\_\_\_, the prospective spouse,

And the matter having come on for hearing before me in Chambers, and after hearing the evidence presented to me relating to the proposed marriage and having interviewed the minor Petitioner [check box if prospective spouse is also a minor]:  and the prospective minor spouse,

And an Attorney for the Child having appeared to represent the minor Petitioner [check box if prospective spouse is also a minor]:  and the prospective minor spouse;

And, with respect to each party, the Court having reviewed related court decisions, if any, pursuant to Article 10 of the Family Court Act; all warrants, if any, issued under the Family Court Act; reports, if any, of orders of protection on the statewide computerized registry of orders of protection established and maintained pursuant to section 221-a of the Executive Law ; and reports, if any, on the Sex Offender Registry established and maintained pursuant to section 168(b) of the Corrections Law;

And notification having been provided to the minor of his or her rights, including but not limited to, rights regarding termination of marriage, child and spousal support, domestic violence services and access to public benefits and other services;

This Court finds and determines that [check applicable box in each paragraph]:

The minor:  is  is not entering the marriage of his or her own will.

The minor:  is  is not being compelled by force, threat, persuasion, fraud, coercion or

duress to enter the marriage.

The marriage  will  will not not endanger the mental, emotional or physical safety of the minor.

And it is hereby ORDERED that [check applicable box]:

the petition for judicial approval of issuance of a marriage license is DENIED.

the petition for approval of the issuance of a marriage license to [specify]:

is GRANTED.

[Check box if applicable]:  IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT [specify]:

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1113 OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, AN APPEAL FROM THIS ORDER MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE ORDER BY APPELLANT IN COURT, 35 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OF THE ORDER TO APPELLANT BY THE CLERK OF COURT, OR 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE BY A PARTY OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD UPON THE APPELLANT, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.

Dated:

ENTER:

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JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT

### **Notice to 17-year Olds Who Want to Get Married**

This Notice goes to all 17 year-olds who want court approval to marry. If you are under 18, the law says you must have a judge's approval to get a marriage license. If you are under 17, you can not get married under New York State law (Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2017).

#### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

##### **Who needs permission to marry?**

Anyone between 17 and 18 years old. You cannot get this approval until you are at least 17 years old. If you are under 17, you can not legally get married in New York State.

##### **Where do I get permission to marry?**

In the Family Court or Supreme Court.

##### **What if I already have permission from my parent(s) or guardian(s)?**

You still need approval from a judge.

##### **What else do I need to know?**

The law also says that you must be told about some of your rights under New York State laws and about where you can get help if you need it. Here is the information:

**1. Divorce:** After you are married, you and your spouse each have the right to end your marriage (get divorced) if you meet certain legal requirements. Divorce is complicated, and it is always a good idea to talk to a lawyer about it. This is general information:

The court system has information and forms on how to get a divorce. Learn more by looking at the Uncontested Divorce Instructions (the "Instructions") posted at <http://www.nycourts.gov/divorce/pdfs/Divorce-Packet-Instructions.pdf>.

There are several reasons you or your spouse can use to get a divorce in New York. One of the most common ways is the no-fault divorce. For a no-fault divorce, you do not need to prove someone is at fault. Instead, you or your spouse must swear or affirm under oath that your marriage is "irretrievably broken." That means that something has happened that cannot be fixed, and your marriage should end. You or your spouse also have to say that this breakdown in your marriage has lasted at least six months. The court cannot give you a divorce unless all issues have been decided. This includes custody and visitation for children (if you have them), and all money issues. One way to decide these issues is for you and your spouse to place your agreement about these issues in a signed statement in proper form. Another way is to have a Judge decide these issues in a court order.

**2. Money Matters:** If you get divorced, you may be able to get financial support (called maintenance) from your spouse. Or, your spouse may be able to get financial support from you. How this can happen is explained in the Uncontested Divorce Instructions. Also, any property the two of you have (for example, house, land, cars, bank accounts) can be split between you and your spouse.

**3. Custody and Child Support:** If you separate or divorce and you have children with your spouse, either of you can ask a court for custody of the children. The parent the children live with

may be able to get child support from the other parent. For information, you can call the New York State Child Support Program at 888-208-4485 (TTY 866-875-9975). Or you can visit their website, [www.childsupport.ny.gov](http://www.childsupport.ny.gov). You can apply for child support services at that website. You can also go to your county Child Support Office.

**4. Domestic Violence:** When most people think about domestic violence, they think about physical things—hitting, kicking, shoving, or punching. But, these are not the only ways that someone can be abused. Here are some of the many ways one person can get power and control over the other person in the relationship:

- isolation (keeping someone apart) from family and friends
- controlling another person's money or ability to get money or credit or forcing debts
- forced sex, sexting and other forms of sexual abuse
- verbal, emotional, or psychological abuse
- use of fear or threats or stalking in person or by phone, text or social media

This violence may happen slowly, over time. Other times it can happen quickly. Often it happens after some change in the relationship, such as marriage, divorce, pregnancy, moving in together, or breaking up. If you are scared of the other person in your relationship, or feel like that person makes all the decisions, even when you want to make some, and you are afraid of what might happen if you do not go along with that person's decisions, you might want to use some of the information here.

**If you need immediate, emergency help because of violence, you can call 911.**

**If you are looking for more information, or want help with domestic violence against yourself or your children, you can call:**

- New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline (24 hours a day): **800-942-6906**.
- New York City: **800-621-HOPE (4673)** or dial **311**.
- If you are **hard of hearing or Deaf**, dial **711**.

**Other domestic violence information is available on these websites:**

- Unified Court System: <http://www.nycourts.gov/topics/domesticviolence.shtml>
- New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence: [www.opdv.ny.gov](http://www.opdv.ny.gov)

**5. Help for other needs or problems you may have:** You may be able to get public benefits and other services. New York State has many different benefits and services for people who need them. You can get help buying food, temporary cash assistance, health insurance programs, special help for women, infants and children, assistance with the cost of heat and many other things. You may find these benefits and services listed and explained, and you may apply for them at <https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin>. You can also apply at your local Department of Social Services or in New York City at the Human Resources Administration.