



Commonwealth of Massachusetts One-Day Marriage Designation Instructions

1. Should you have any questions while completing this application, or if you are uncertain as to whether a submitted application has been approved, please **contact a member of the Governor's Office at (617) 725-4055**.
2. Applications **must** be mailed at least six weeks prior to the date of the wedding. Please do not submit applications more than three months in advance.
3. Applicants are generally allowed only one designation per calendar year.
4. Completed applications must be submitted with a **\$25 processing fee** payable to *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*. Applications approved by Governor Deval Patrick will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office for processing.
5. The names of the applicant, Party A, and Party B must be typed or printed as you wish them to appear on the certificate that will be issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. This information must coincide with the names printed on the marriage license. Please **use current legal names for Party A and Party B**, even if one of the individuals intends to change names following the wedding. Illegible applications will cause a delay in processing.
6. A **letter of reference** attesting to the applicant's high standard of character is required of all applicants, excepting judges and elected officials. The letter of reference may be written by anyone besides Party A, Party B, or the applicant. The letter **must be signed** by its author.
7. The Secretary of the Commonwealth will issue a Certificate of Solemnization to all approved applicants **approximately four weeks prior to the wedding date**. Should you not receive the certificate, or if you have any related questions once the Governor has approved your application, please **contact the Secretary's office at (617) 727-2836**.
8. Following the wedding, the Certificate of Solemnization must be submitted, along with the completed marriage license, to the city or town hall at which the couple applied for the license.
9. Statute requires the Governor to specify the specific date of the wedding and the city or town in which it will be held. Therefore, **you will need to submit a new application** if either of those details changes.

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Note: This application is valid only for marriages to be solemnized within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by individuals who are not otherwise authorized to do so. Clergy and other individuals whose offices authorize them to solemnize marriages in other states should instead obtain the *Non-Resident Clergy Petition to Solemnize Marriage* from the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

I hereby request that Governor Deval Patrick designate me to solemnize a particular marriage for the following reason:

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____

Check here if you are a judge or elected official: _____

Party A Information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____

Party B Information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____

City/Town of Wedding Location: _____

Date of Proposed Marriage: _____

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information on this form is accurate.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return this application, along with the letter of recommendation and \$25 processing fee in the form of a check made out to *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, to:

Office of the Governor · State House, Room 280 · Boston, MA 02133 · Attn: One-Day Marriage Designation

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