

REDUCED MARRIAGE FEE EDUCATOR'S STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The reduced marriage fee educator's statement must:

- Be acceptable and presented at the time of application. No refunds will be given for any reason.
- Be on the educator's letterhead.
- Be signed and dated by the educator, who must be a licensed or ordained minister or the minister's designee, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under section 517.18, or a person authorized to practice marriage and family therapy under section 148B.33.
- Have the educator's signature notarized. In lieu of notarization, the church seal may be applied if the educator is a licensed or ordained minister.
- Have the full, legal names of the applicants exactly as they appear on the application for marriage license.
- Be in the following form per Minnesota Statutes, Section 517.08: *"I, (Name of Educator), confirm that, (Full Name of First Applicant) and (Full Name of Second Applicant) received at least 12 hours of premarital education that included the use of a premarital inventory and communication and conflict management skills. I am a licensed or ordained minister, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under Minnesota Statutes, Section 517.18, or a person licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under Minnesota Statutes, Section 148B.33."*

****Please note the following****

- Copies and faxes are acceptable if all of the required information is legible. If a church seal is used in lieu of a notary, the seal must be visible. The seal may be darkened with pencil prior to copying or faxing.
- An example of an acceptable educator's statement is available at any of our vital records locations and on our website. We recommend that the educator copy and paste our example onto their letterhead to ensure that the statement includes all of the required wording and information.

This statement must be printed on the educator's letterhead and the names of the applicants must be identical to the names on the application for marriage license.

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"I, _____, confirm that _____
(Name of Educator) (Full Name of First Applicant)

and _____ received at least 12 hours of
(Full Name of Second Applicant)

premarital education that included the use of a Premarital Inventory and the teaching of Communication and Conflict Management skills. I am a licensed or ordained minister, a person authorized to solemnize marriages under Minnesota Statutes, Section 517.18, or a person licensed to practice Marriage and Family Therapy under Minnesota Statutes, Section 148B.33"

Printed Name of Educator

Address of Educator

STOP HERE, your signature must be notarized, OR if signed by a licensed or ordained minister, the church seal may be substituted for the notary requirement.

Signature of Educator

Date

Church Seal, if applicable

State of _____

County of _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day

of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public Signature

Notary seal