Marriage to a County Inmate

If you are wishing to be married to an individual currently in custody at the Tuolumne County Jail, please follow the steps below to ensure you have properly scheduled a time, and provided the necessary information and fees, in order to proceed.

**Step 1: Contact the County Clerk’s Office**

Call or come in to the County Clerk’s office to review what information is needed and discuss what will happen the day of the ceremony.

- 2 S. Green Street, Sonora CA
- (209) 533-5573

**Step 2: Submit the application, documents, and fees**

You must complete an application for a marriage license providing the inmate and your information. An application can found in our office or online, or you may request one be mailed to you.

You will need to submit the following items with the application:

- **Proof of end of marriage** (if the marriage ended in the past year): Filed stamped court documents or death certificate which shows proof that the previous marriage has ended.

- **Inmate’s Birth Certificate**: As the other party is not completing the application, we require their birth certificate to verify the provided information. A copy is acceptable.

- **Payment**: Cash or Check Only (Credit or Debit Cards will not be accepted). The list of filing fees can be found here.

**Step 3: Check possible times and dates**

You must contact the Inmate Programs Coordinator to discuss possible times and dates for the marriage ceremony. The Coordinator will contact the County Clerk to determine if staff is available to officiate.

- (209) 533-5895

**Step 4: Arrive one hour before the ceremony**

At least one hour before the ceremony, you must appear in person at the County Clerk’s office to be issued the marriage license. Bring a photo ID. Any form of identification which shows your current legal name, date of birth, and photo (If you do not have photo ID, please contact our office for options).