

Birth Certificates			
Type	Cost X	# of copies =	Total
Certified Copy	\$23		
		Total	

OFFICE USE ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> CASHIERS CHECK	<input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER
REMITTANCE NO. _____	CERT. # _____	
DATE _____	AMOUNT \$ _____	
DOCUMENT CONTROL # _____		

MAIL APPLICATION FOR BIRTH RECORD

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR (APPLICANT) VALID ID WHEN SENDING IN THE REQUEST. APPLICATION MUST BE ORIGINAL (INCLUDING SIGNATURE). NO CROSS OUT OR WHITE OUT WILL BE ACCEPTED. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

Step 1: YOUR INFORMATION AND SHIPPING ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT)

Your Name (First, Middle, Last Name): _____

Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email Address:		Daytime Phone Number:	

Your relationship to Person named on Certificate (Check One): Self Child Spouse Parent Sibling
 Grandparent Legal Guardian (proof required) Legal Representative (proof required) Other: _____

I authorize mailing to the address below instead of my mailing address listed above.

Name: _____

Address to Send to if different than noted above:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
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Reason for Request:
 Newborn Travel/Passport Records School Insurance Other: _____

Step 2: INFORMATION FOR PERSON NAMED ON BIRTH RECORD (Must be completed to Identify Record Requested)

FULL NAME ON RECORD:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
DATE OF BIRTH:	Month	Day	Year
PLACE OF BIRTH:	City or Town	County	TEXAS ONLY
FULL NAME OF PARENT 1:	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Last Name (Before first marriage)
FULL NAME OF PARENT 2:	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Last Name (Before first marriage)

Step 3: AFFIDAVIT (NOTARY SECTION)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Before me on this day appeared _____
 (Name)

now residing at _____
 (Address) (City) (State)

Who is related to the person named on Part 1 as _____ and who on oath disposes and says the contents of
 this affidavit are true and correct.
 (Relationship)

Signature of Applicant _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Personalized Seal) _____ (Notary Public's Signature)

READ & SIGN (Applications without signatures or attached valid ID will NOT be accepted for processing)

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Long form Birth Certificate - Most comprehensive birth record. It is a copy of the original birth certificate. It will also show a history of corrections that have been made to the birth record. This form is often used for requesting passports.

Short form Birth Certificate - An abstract of the birth record. This birth certificate will only show current information for the child's name, date of birth, place of birth, sex, and name of parent(s). This form will not show a history of corrections. This form is often used for school records and is acceptable for most purposes.

Heirloom birth certificate - Heirloom birth certificates are abstracts of the birth record. They are primarily used for framing and display. The information on an "heirloom birth certificate" is similar to a "short form". Examples of heirloom birth certificates can be seen on our website at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/reqproc/heirloom.shtm>.

Verification Letter - A verification letter will include the child's name, the date of birth, and the county where the birth occurred. Verification letters are available for births that have occurred since 1903. Verification letters are not considered legal substitutes for certified copies of birth certificates. The VSS strongly recommends that applicants ensure a verification will satisfy its intended use.

Military Personnel with current deployment orders - [Texas Government Code 437.217](#). EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL. A member of the National Guard on federal active duty, or a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty, who is preparing to be deployed to serve in a hostile fire zone as designated by the United States secretary of defense is exempt from paying the following state or local governmental fees the member incurs because of the deployment to arrange the member's personal affairs: (1) fees for obtaining copies of: (A) a birth certificate. **MILITARY ID AND MILITARY ORDERS ARE REQUIRED.**

Foster or Homeless child or youth - [Texas Health and Safety Code 191.0049](#). BIRTH RECORD ISSUED TO FOSTER CHILD OR YOUTH OR HOMELESS CHILD OR YOUTH. On request of a child or youth described by this section, the state registrar, a local registrar, or a county clerk shall issue, without fee or parental consent, a certified copy of the child's or youth's birth record to: (1) a homeless child or youth as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a; (2) a child in the managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services; and (3) a young adult who: (A) is at least 18 years of age, but younger than 21 years of age; and (B) resides in a foster care placement, the cost of which is paid by the Department of Family and Protective Services. **DOCUMENTATION OF STATUS IS REQUIRED.**

Copies of birth certificates for births that occurred within the past 75 years can be requested only by the immediate family of the person whose name is on the birth certificate. See Section 181.1(13) of the Texas Administrative Code for who qualifies as an immediate family member. An immediate family member is the child, their guardian, their children, spouses, parents, siblings, or grandparents.

Applicants who are not immediate family members must provide legal documentation (such as a court order establishing guardianship) that demonstrates a direct, tangible interest in the birth certificate.

The applicant must include a copy of his or her valid photo ID issued by a governmental entity. See Section 181.28 of the Texas Administrative Code for a complete list of acceptable forms of identification. You also can see VSS's page on acceptable identification in English (<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/vs/reqproc/Acceptable-IDs/>) and Spanish ([http://www.dshs.texas.gov/vs/reqproc/Acceptable-IDs-\(Spanish\)/](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/vs/reqproc/Acceptable-IDs-(Spanish)/)).

If a record is not on file, our office will issue a "not found" letter.

Customer Checklist

- Complete steps 1, 2, and 3 of the application. Please type or print clearly.
- Complete step 4 of the application and have it notarized, if requesting a birth certificate.
- Sign and date the application.
- Make sure the application is original and not a photocopy and there are no cross-outs or white-out.
- Enclose a copy of a current driver's license, passport or state identification. See complete ID list on our website.
- Enclose appropriate fees. **Make CASHIERS checks or money orders payable to:**
(NO PERSONAL CHECKS)

**Jackie Ensey, Stephens County Clerk
200 West Walker Street
Suite 116
Breckenridge, TX 76424**