



Customer understands an Abstract Birth Certificate may not be suitable for a passport or other purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Louise Nicholson, Tarrant County Clerk  
200 Taylor St., Ste. 301, Fort Worth, TX, 76196

**BIRTH OR DEATH CERTIFICATE APPLICATION**

**\*Please see back of form for complete instructions and eligibility requirements\***

**A NON-REFUNDABLE SEARCH FEE WILL APPLY FOR ALL RECORDS NOT FOUND**

**\$22.00 Birth Certificate Search Fee \*\*\* \$20.00 Death Certificate Search Fee**

Health and Safety Code 191.0045 (a) (1), (e) (3)

PLEASE PRINT

**1. BIRTH EACH CERTIFIED COPY IS \$23 NUMBER OF COPIES: \_\_\_\_\_**

\*Abstract Birth Certificate will be issued if Tarrant County is not the local registrar. Abstracts may not be suitable for a passport\*

1.	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
2.	Date of Birth	City of Birth	County	State Texas Only
3.	Parent 1 First Name	Middle Name	Last Name Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> Marriage (Maiden)	
4.	Parent 2 First Name	Middle Name	Last Name Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> Marriage (Maiden)	

**1. DEATH FIRST CERTIFIED COPY IS \$21 NUMBER OF COPIES: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE SAME RECORD ARE \$4 EACH**

1.	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
2.	Date of Death	City of Death	County	State Texas Only
3.	Parent 1 First Name	Middle Name	Last Name Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> Marriage (Maiden)	
4.	Parent 2 First Name	Middle Name	Last Name Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> Marriage (Maiden)	

What is your relationship to the person on the record? \_\_\_\_\_

State your reason for obtaining certificate (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC): \_\_\_\_\_

Contribute \$5 to promote healthy early childhood (TX Home Visitation)? Yes No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

If mailed, please include a legible photocopy of your valid Government Issued ID, sworn statement, a self-addressed stamped envelope and a check or money order made payable to:

**MARY LOUISE NICHOLSON, TARRANT COUNTY CLERK**  
And mail to:  
**200 Taylor St., Suite 301**  
**Fort Worth, TX 76196**

\*All mail requests are completed within 72 hours from time received\*

**WARNING: THE PENALTY FOR KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IN THIS FORM CAN BE 2-10 YEARS IN PRISON AND A FINE OF UP TO \$10,000. (HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, CHAPTER 195 SEC.195.003)**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Issued to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued \_\_\_\_\_

Type of I. D. \_\_\_\_\_ Control # \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk Initials \_\_\_\_\_

A **Birth** Record is public information and available to the public on or after the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of birth as shown on the record filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics or local registration official.  
Government Code 552.115 (a) (1).

Instructions to obtain a Texas **BIRTH** Certificate:

- Complete the section of the application labeled BIRTH.
  1. Enter number of Birth Certificates being purchased. Each certified copy is \$23.00.
  2. Enter the first name, middle name and last name of the person on the certificate.
  3. Enter the date of birth and place of birth information.
  4. Enter Parent 1's first name, middle name and last name given at birth.
  5. Enter Parent 2's first name, middle name and last name given at birth.
- Enter your relationship to the person on the record that is being requested.
- Enter a specific reason why the record is being obtained.
- Choose whether to contribute to the Texas Home Visitation Program.
- Sign the request.
- Enter a mailing address.
- Enter a daytime phone number where you can be reached.
- You must show valid, U.S. government issued identification.

**A full reproduction of the original Birth Certificate will be issued if Tarrant County is the local registrar.**

An Abstract Birth Certificate will be issued if the birth occurred in another Texas county.

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A **Death** Record is public information and available to the public on and after the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of death as shown on the record filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics or local registration official.  
Government Code 552.115 (a) (2).

Instructions to obtain a **DEATH** Certificate:

- Complete the section of the application labeled DEATH.
  1. Enter number of Death Certificate copies being purchased. The 1<sup>st</sup> certified copy is \$21.00. Additional copies of the same record are \$4.00 each.
  2. Enter the first name, middle name and last name of the person on the certificate.
  3. Enter the date of death and place of death information.
  4. Enter Parent 1's first name, middle name and last name given at birth.
  5. Enter Parent 2's first name, middle name and last name given at birth.
- Enter your relationship to the person on the record that is being requested.
- Enter a specific reason why the record is being obtained.
- Choose whether to contribute to the Texas Home Visitation Program.
- Sign the request.
- Enter a mailing address.
- Enter a daytime phone number where you can be reached.
- You must show valid, U.S. government issued identification.

**Please Note:**

The Tarrant County Clerk's Vital Records office is not the local registrar for all Tarrant County birth and death records. Please contact the applicable City Hall for a Birth or Death Certificate if the event occurred within the city limits of **Arlington** after 1971, or **Grapevine** after 1973.

**Who can obtain certified copies of a Birth or Death Certificate?**

- The registrant or an immediate family member—Parents, children, spouses, siblings, legal guardian or grandparents of the registrant. TAC, Title 25, Rule 181.1 (13)  
Note: A father may not obtain his child's Birth Certificate if his name is not listed on the record unless a certified copy of a court order that names him as the father can be provided.
- If you are not an immediate family member—you must provide a certified copy of legal documentation that states the requestor's direct and tangible interest in the record.



**Mary Louise Nicholson  
Tarrant County Clerk**

**SWORN STATEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Texas, that I am an authorized person, as defined in Texas Health and Safety Code, and am eligible to receive a certified copy of the birth or death certificate of the following individual(s):

<b>Part I. ENTER NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH/DEATH</b>	
FULL NAME OF PERSON ON RECORD	DATE OF BIRTH/DEATH

<b>Part II. ENTER RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON ON RECORD AND THE TYPE OF ID USED.</b>	
NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON ON RECORD	TYPE AND NUMBER OF ID ACCEPTED WHEN NOTARIZED

**CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**Part III. THIS SECTION MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC**

THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_ on this day personally appeared  
Name of Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_ to be the person whose name is subscribed to the  
Name of Applicant

foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary Public)

MAIL THE APPLICATION, SWORN STATEMENT, PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR VALID PHOTO ID AND FEE TO:

Mary Louise Nicholson, Tarrant County Clerk  
200 Taylor St., Suite 301  
Fort Worth, TX 76196

(APPLICATIONS WITHOUT PHOTO ID AND THE ATTACHED SWORN STATEMENT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED)