

**PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE THROUGH THE SAGINAW  
CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COURT**

- 1. All requirements that the State of Michigan imposes on individuals to entitle them to within its jurisdiction are hereby adopted. Those seeking to be married:**
  - a. Must be at least (18) years of age, or at least sixteen (16) years of age with consent of their custodial parent(s) or legal guardian(s).**
  - b. Must freely consent to the marriage.**
  - c. Must have the mental capacity to marry.**
  - d. Must not be blood relatives to each other in any of the following degrees:**
    - i. Parent and child**
    - ii. Grandparent and grandchild.**
    - iii. Brother and sister, or half-brother and half-sister.**
    - iv. Aunt and nephew, or uncle and niece.**
    - v. Cousins in the first degree.**
- 2. Once you have filled out the application there is a three (3) day waiting period before you can pick up the license. The license is valid for thirty-three (33) days from the date of application.**
- 3. Affidavit must be signed and notarized by both parties, (only one person needs to return the signed and notarized Affidavit to the Court). Copies of birth certificates for both parties must be provided with the Affidavit.**
- 4. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court is open from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If you have any questions you may call the Court office at (989) 775-4800.**
- 5. For a civil ceremony, contact the Court Clerk's Office at the Tribal Court.**
- 6. Charge for marriage license, \$40.00**
- 7. Charge for Tribal Judge to perform ceremony, \$40.00**