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## Jo Daviess County Marriage License Information

Marriage licenses are issued by the Jo Daviess County Clerk's office located at 330 N. Bench St. in Galena, Illinois. Both the bride and groom must appear and apply. The license is valid only in Jo Daviess County and is good for 60 days. Please note: couple must wait 24 hours after license is issued before being married.

Illinois law requires that both bride and groom are at least 16 years of age at the time of the marriage application. If bride and groom are 16 or 17 years of age, a parental consent form must be signed and submitted to the County Clerk's office. Also, Illinois law does not require witnesses.

After the ceremony, the person officiating must return the completed license to the Jo Daviess County Clerk's office with 10 days of the marriage. If the marriage does not occur, the unused license must be returned to the County Clerk's office. Under no circumstances should a license be destroyed after it is issued.

Cost is \$35 for a marriage license. Contact the Jo Daviess County's Clerk's office for more information at 815.777.0161.

*For a list of wedding service providers, visit [www.VisitGalena.org](http://www.VisitGalena.org).  
Contact the County Clerk's office for more information about obtaining a marriage license.*