



# APPLICATION FOR A FLORIDA DEATH RECORD

**Sumter County Health Department**  
**P. O. Box 98**  
**Bushnell, FL 33513**  
**(352) 569-3139 fax (352) 568-0930**

Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant # \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OR PRINT**

NAME OF DECEASED (Registrant)	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SEX
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (if known)		DATE OF DEATH - MONTH	DAY	YEAR (4 DIGIT)
				IF YEAR NOT KNOWN, SPECIFY RANGE OF YEARS TO SEARCH <b>N/A</b>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	PLACE OF DEATH - CITY	COUNTY (REQUIRED)		DEATH FILE NUMBER (if known) <b>N/A</b>
NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME	NAME		ADDRESS (CITY)	

**IMPORTANT:** Read the entire application form before completing. Cause of death is confidential. To obtain and use a Florida death record under false or fraudulent purposes is a third-degree felony, punishable by the terms and conditions set forth in Florida Statutes.

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
The <b>\$12.00</b> fee entitles the applicant to one certification of a registered death.	\$12.00	X	=	\$
Protective plastic sleeve (optional)	\$2.00	X	=	\$

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies requested with cause of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies requested without cause of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Check or money order payable to **Sumter County Health Department** in U.S. Dollars **(DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL)**  
 Visa & Mastercard Accepted – Complete information on back of application.  
 International payments should be made by credit card, cashiers check or money order in US Dollars.

Applicant's Name <b>TYPE OR PRINT</b>	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SUFFIX
<b>Funeral Director/Attorney as Applicant for Cause of Death Information</b>	LICENSE NUMBER	FUNERAL HOME OF RECORD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		NAME OF PERSON REPRESENTED
	STATE RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		
HOME PHONE NUMBER ( )	RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS (AND APT.)			
WORK PHONE NUMBER ( )	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE

**When cause of death information is requested, the applicant must state relationship to decedent and provide photo identification such as driver's license, state identification card, passport, or military identification.**

[ ] Check this block if certification(s) to be mailed to a different address. Space is provided on the reverse of this application for the name and address of the person to whom the death certificates are to be mailed.

## INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEATH RECORD APPLICATION

**AVAILABILITY:** Death registration was not required by state law until 1917, however there are some records on file at the State Office of Vital Statistics dating back to 1877.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

**WITHOUT CAUSE OF DEATH:** Any person of legal age (18) may be issued a certified copy of a death record without the cause of death.

**WITH CAUSE OF DEATH INFORMATION:** Death records with the cause of death information may only be issued to the following individuals: the decedent's spouse or parent; to the decedent's child, grandchild or sibling, if of legal age; to any person who provides a will, insurance policy or other document that demonstrates his or her interest in the estate of the decedent, or to any person who provides documentation that he or she is acting on behalf of any of the above named persons. All requests for certification of a death certificate that includes the cause of death information must include signature of the applicant, state his or her qualifying eligibility, or a notarized Affidavit to Release Cause Of Death Information (DH Form 1959), which is available upon request. If after reading the above information you are still uncertain regarding your eligibility for cause of death information, call our office (904) 359-6900 extension 9000 for assistance.

The funeral director associated with the funeral home listed on the death record, or attorney representing an eligible person listed above must include their signature, professional license number, and the name and relationship of the person they are representing. If you are a funeral director **not** associated with the funeral home listed on the death record, or an attorney not representing someone listed above as eligible to receive cause of death information, then a completed Affidavit to Release Cause of Death Information (DH Form 1959) must accompany this request.

Cause of death information on death records over 50 years old is available to anyone completing an application and submitting the required fee.

**NOTE:** Florida clerks of court will not accept a death record with cause of death information when filing probate.

**INFORMATION NEEDED:** A search cannot be made without the decedent's name and year of death. If any of the other items requested on the front of this form are unavailable, other identifying information (such as parents' names, birthplace, etc) may be helpful if multiple records are found for common names.

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** Applicant's signature is required, as well as his/her name, valid residence address and telephone number.

<b>IF THE CERTIFICATION IS TO BE MAILED TO ANOTHER PERSON OR ADDRESS, USE THE SPACES BELOW TO SPECIFY SHIP TO NAME AND ADDRESS.</b>				
<b>SHIP TO Name TYPE OR PRINT</b>	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SUFFIX
HOME PHONE NUMBER (    )	SHIP TO STREET ADDRESS (AND APT.)			
WORK PHONE NUMBER (    )	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	

<b>IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard Cardholder authorizes the payment of this invoice by the issuer identified below and agrees to comply with the obligations set forth in the Cardholder agreement with the issuer.	
Credit Card number: _____	Expiration Date: _____
Cardholder name: _____	Payment Amount: _____
Credit Card billing address: _____	City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	Cardholder Signature: _____