



APPLICATION FOR A FLORIDA DEATH RECORD

CHARLOTTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 1100 LOVELAND BOULEVARD, PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33980
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SERIAL NUMBER(S) ISSUED: _____

DATE ISSUED: _____ RECEIPT NO. _____ OR ON ACCOUNT _____

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 to
FLORIDA	PLACE OF DEATH - CITY		COUNTY (REQUIRED)		DEATH FILE NUMBER (if known) N/A
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.

CERTIFICATE TO BE USED FOR: _____

NUMBER OF CERTIFIED COPIES WITH CAUSE OF DEATH: _____ @ _____ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

NUMBER OF CERTIFIED COPIES WITHOUT CAUSE OF DEATH _____ @ _____ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

A SEARCH FEE OF \$6.00 WILL BE ASSESSED IF NO CERTIFICATE FOUND

Applicant's Name TYPE OR PRINT	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SUFFIX
Funeral Director/Attorney as Applicant for Cause of Death Information	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.

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.