

**HOLMES COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**  
**CONSENT TO MARRY INSTRUCTIONS**  
O.R.C. Section 3101.04 and 3101.041

You must be 18 years old to apply for a marriage license. If you are 17 years old, Ohio law provides a process to apply to the Juvenile Court for consent to marry.

1. Complete and file a Consent to Marry Application (copy attached). The filing fee of \$48.00 is due at the time of filing.
2. An Attorney will be appointed for each party who is seventeen years of age to serve as a Guardian ad Litem for that party. A separate fee of \$150.00 for the services of each Guardian ad Litem must be paid when the Application is filed.
3. A hearing will be held and you and at least one parent or custodian must be present.
4. If the Juvenile Court Judge grants the consent to the marriage, a marriage license **will not be issued until fourteen (14) calendar days after consent is filed in Probate Court, AND** you have completed marriage counseling satisfactory to the Court (see attached "MARRIAGE COUNSELING STATEMENT").