



APPLICATION FOR A FLORIDA DEATH RECORD

SUWANNEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

P. O. Box 6030, Live Oak, FL 32064
FAX (386) 362-6301

(Suwannee County Deaths Only)

If death occurred before 2009, STOP HERE!

You will have to obtain your certificate from Vital Statistics State Office, Jacksonville, Florida.

TYPE OR PRINT

Form with fields for Name of Deceased (First, Middle, Last, Sex), Social Security Number, Date of Death (Month, Day, Year), Florida, Place of Death (City, County), Death File Number, Name and Address of Funeral Home (Name, Address).

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.

Cause of Death needed? [ ] Yes [ ] No (If yes, identification is required, and must be presented with application. Refer to acceptable identification below and "Eligibility" on the reverse side of this form.)

Number of copies requested: \_\_\_\_\_

FEE: \$7.00 EACH COPY ATTACH PAYMENT TO APPLICATION BEFORE RETURNING TO DESK CLERK.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SUWANNEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Form with fields for Applicant's Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix), Funeral Director/Attorney as Applicant for Cause of Death Information (License Number, Funeral Home of Record, 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.

<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	

**(For Vital Statistics Office Use Only.)**

<b>Certificate #:</b> _____	<b>Date Issued:</b> _____
<b>Issued By:</b> _____	

**Copy of Identification Below:**