

**DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**  
**AFFIDAVIT REGARDING THE FREE STATUS OF BRIDE OR GROOM**

**Instructions for completing**

Please type into fillable PDF form or print clearly with pen.

All questions must be answered completely; all boxes filled in.

This form must be signed and sealed in the presence of a church notary or public notary

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Return completed forms to:

Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WITNESS FOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
who wishes to marry \_\_\_\_\_

**OATH** "I SWEAR BEFORE ALMIGHTY GOD to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in answering the questions which shall be submitted to me."

1. Your full name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you related to the above-mentioned party? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If so, how are you related? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long have you known him (her)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. As far as you know or have heard, has he (she) ever been married at any time in his (her) life whether by a priest, minister, rabbi, civil official, or even Common Law?
  - a. If so, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Approximate date \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Before whom (a priest, minister, Justice of Peace, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. As far as you know, do both parties intend to enter a permanent marriage, lasting until death? \_\_\_\_\_
6. As far as you know, do both the father and the mother (guardian) of the party approve of this marriage? (If not, please state their objections on reverse side.) \_\_\_\_\_
7. As far as you know, is there anything which would render this marriage unlawful or invalid? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you know of any reason why this couple should not get married? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is any person or circumstance forcing the bride or groom to marry against his or her will? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Church or Notary Public  
Seal

**SIGNATURE** of person giving testimony \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of priest or minister or notary public \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

*For notary public:* My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE: FOR CHANCERY USE ONLY**

*Visum est* \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Chancellor*

Chancery Seal

Place Arlington, VA