

NOTARY DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
 Email: notary@sos.state.md.us or call (888) 874-0013

TYPE OF APPLICATION:
NEW __ RENEWAL __

Note: If renewing, place notary seal in the "Office Use Only" box.

PLEASE READ APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND PRINT CLEARLY. FAILURE TO PROVIDE ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED MAY RESULT IN A DELAY OR DENIAL OF YOUR APPLICATION.

To apply for your Maryland notary public commission, complete and return this application to the above address along with a copy of your **driver's license or valid photo ID** and a **non-refundable \$20.00 fee** by check or money order made payable to the Secretary of State. Please note that applications not accompanied by the \$20.00 processing fee will NOT be processed. Please do NOT staple your fee to this application. There will be a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks. Any questions email us at notary@sos.state.md.us or call (410) 974-5520.

Senator: Subject to the provision of State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, I hereby make application for the appointment of a Notary Public. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age, of good moral character and integrity, and that I ___ live and/or ___ work in the State of Maryland. A notary may be removed or suspended from office for incompetency or misconduct.

Maryland Residents: Call the **Elections Office** in the county in which you reside or City of Baltimore to find the information requested below, and complete the following:
 I am a resident of the ___ Legislative District, ___ County or Baltimore City___, represented by State Senator _____.

Non-Residents: I request to be commissioned in ___ County or Baltimore City___.

Please check the box to the left if you do **not** want your name and email shared with businesses.

****Please Print all information:**

Legal name as it should appear on your commission.
Permanent Home Address, City, State, Zip
Mailing Address (If different from permanent address) City, State, Zip
Home Phone: _____ Email: _____
Name of employer, address and _____ phone number
Self employed/occupation, address and work number
Have you ever been convicted of a criminal or civil violation? Yes____ No____ If yes, please describe the nature and date of conviction. If extra space is needed, attach separate sheet of paper.
If you have changed your name since you were commissioned, indicate old name _____
If your address changed since you were commissioned, indicate new county if this applies: New county _____

You will receive a postcard notifying you to pick up your commission at the Circuit Court in your county. When you receive the postcard, you must appear before the Clerk of the Circuit Court within 30 days to be sworn in for your new term. **Failure to be sworn in within 30 days will result in the revocation of the appointment and commission.** You will pay the Clerk a commissioning fee of \$11.00

References: List 3 people that are Maryland residents (not family members or employer) who may be contacted to attest to your character. (Optional for renewals)

Name: 1.	Email:
Address:	Phone:
Name: 2.	Email:
Address:	Phone:
Name: 3.	Email:
Address:	Phone:

PLEASE READ AND **INITIAL** EACH STATEMENT.

- _____ A Maryland Notary Public must be familiar with and understand “The Handbook for Maryland Notaries Public” in its entirety. The handbook is located at the following website: www.sos.state.md.us
- _____ A notary must always be completely satisfied with the identity of the person whose signature is being notarized. A notary is not obligated to notarize a person’s signature without being sure that the person is who he or she claims to be. Always check identification and be satisfied that the ID is valid.
- _____ A notary is **not authorized** to perform marriages, certify birth, marriage/death certificates or any act that constitutes the practice of law. A notary is not an attorney and cannot practice as one.
- _____ A notary must notify the Secretary of State of any changes to the information provided on this application in writing.
- _____ A notary must always keep a fair registry book no matter how many or few notaries they perform.
- _____ A notary must contact the notary division if you are performing e-notarizations. Additional information must be provided. Call or email office at 410-974-5520 or notary@sos.state.md.us .
- _____ Do you read and write English? Yes ___ No ___. If no, please specify your primary language_____
- _____ Are you a registered voter in Maryland? Yes___ No____. If no, what state? _____
- _____ The **maximum fee** by law a notary can charge is **\$2.00** per notarial act.

Have you ever had a Notary Public commission revoked in any state? Yes No
 If yes, please explain:

*****MAIL COPY OF DRIVER’S LICENSE OR VALID PHOTO ID INCLUDING FEE WITH APPLICATION*****

I SOLEMNLY AFFIRM under penalties of perjury and upon personal knowledge that the contents of this application are true.

Date	Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female	Date of Birth
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		Place notary seal here
Verified employment? ___Y ___N	References contacted? ___Y ___N	
Applicant responded? ___Y ___N	Background checked? ___Y ___N	
SOS Signature _____	APPROVED ___ DENIED ___	

SENATOR’S SIGNATURE		
State Senator	Legislative District	Date