**Utah Marriage Education Discount and Engaged Couples**

**Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City**

Engaged couples in Utah are eligible to receive a $20 discount on their marriage license, as well as additional discounts on a variety of wedding products and services, when they complete approved premarital education or counseling. This Marriage Education Discount (MED) is designed to give Utah couples a strong foundation as they begin their married life together. The Utah Marriage Commission is dedicated to strengthening marriage relationships, and the best time to do this is before they start.

**How Couples Qualify?**

Couples participate in premarital education or counseling that meets basic content requirements. The counseling can be provided by a Priest or designee. Other qualifying activities include Catholic Engaged Encounter, <https://www.eeutah.org> and Catholic Marriage Prep online, <https://www.catholicmarriageprep.com/course-info/online-pre-cana>

**How do Couples Get the Discount?**

Upon completion of the premarital counseling or education, simply enter their name and e-mail address into a short form. A certificate and code are then sent by email to the couple to use as they apply for their marriage license. <https://weber.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_50VsHjmLokDjf2R>

**Couples Must Secure Marriage License Online**

Please note that they must apply for their marriage license **online** to secure the discount. Currently, only Utah County offers an online marriage license application. Couples do NOT need to reside in Utah County to acquire their marriage license from Utah County. For example, they can live outside of Utah County and still secure their marriage license from Utah County and it is valid anywhere in Utah and the United States.

**What must the Counseling or Education Include to qualify?**

The premarital counseling must be at least 3 hours in length (6 hours if an educational class) and cover the following topics:

1. Healthy communication in marital relationships
2. Commitment in marital relationships
3. Problem solving skills
4. Avoiding abuse in marital relationships

Here are some helpful resources:

<https://www.dioslc.org/offices/office-of-marriage-and-family/49-marriage-preparation>

Please see <https://strongermarriage.org/med-faq> for more information on the Marriage Education Discount and other helpful resources.

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