

Death certificates may issued to:	Document(s) needed to Prove Relationship:
Current spouse	Must be listed on death certificate
Ex-spouse	Must present proof of direct & tangible interest (i.e. Social Security record, insurance policy)
Parent	Must be listed on death certificate
Stepparent	Marriage certificate proving relationship to a parent that is listed on death certificate
Grandparents/Great grandparents	Birth certificate(s) proving relationship required
Siblings/Half siblings	Birth certificate showing at least one same parent required
Children/Grandchildren/Great grandchildren	Birth certificate(s) showing relationship is required
Step-Children	Marriage certificate & birth certificate proving relationship required
Legal representative/Paralegals	Proof of client relationship required as well as proof of the client's relationship to the registrant.
Consular Corps/Consulate offices	Proof of client relationship required as well as proof of the client's relationship to the registrant
Genealogists	Notarized signed release from immediate family member required as well as proof of the family member's relationship. Certificate marked "For Genealogical Use Only"
In-laws/aunts/uncles/nephews/nieces/cousins	For death certificate 25 years or younger- Must present proof of direct & tangible interest For death certificates over 25 years- Must present proof of relationship (a family tree would be acceptable for this case) Death certificate marked "For Genealogical Use Only"
Probate Researchers	Proof of direct & tangible interest required.
Creditors	Proof of direct & tangible interest required
Anatomical Board	Must be listed on death certificate
Employer	Proof of direct & tangible interest required
Insurance companies	Proof of direct & tangible interest required (Insurance policy)
Hospital/Nursing home/Hospice/Physician	Proof of patient relationship required
Funeral Directors	Must be listed on death certificate. If not listed, they can submit proof of the relationship between themselves & the funeral establishment listed on the death certificate. (copy of contract)
Informant	Must be listed on death certificate
Governmental agencies (SSA, Human Services, etc)	No additional document needed – fee may apply Must present their work credentials (work ID)