



Name Change and/or Sex Designation Change Petition for Individual Adult (person 18 or over)

_____ Court
County of _____

Petitioner (Your Present Name): _____

Index Number: _____

I am requesting a Court Order for the following (check all that apply):

- Name Change (complete Section A below)
- Sex Designation Change (complete Section B below)

Please note:

- A court order is not required under New York law to change your sex designation on an identity document (birth certificate, driver’s license, photo ID, etc.) issued in New York.
- Every state has its own requirements for a sex designation change. Some states may not honor sex designation change orders from New York courts. If you want to change an identity document issued in another state, you should check that state’s requirements before you file an application.
- This application is for a declaratory judgment. A declaratory judgment states a fact under the law. If granted, the sex designation change order legally recognizes your gender identity.

Are you asking the judge to seal the record for your personal safety? Yes No

NOTE: If yes, the clerk will temporarily enter your case as “Restricted” (your name and case information will be private) until the judge makes a final decision about sealing your case.

SECTION A: NAME CHANGE (complete this section for a name change)

1. Your Requested New Name: _____

2. Your Place of Birth (Street Address, City/Town/Village, State, Zip, Country): _____

Note: You must attach **Proof of birth** to this petition.

- If you were born outside of the State of New York, proof of birth can include a birth certificate, passport, or any other legal document which shows the date and place of your birth.
- If you were born in the State of New York, **you must** attach **one** of the following:
 - Certified Copy of your government-issued birth document (i.e., Birth Certificate/Certification of Birth):
 - If you were born in New York City, you can get a certified copy of your birth document from the [New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/birthcert/birthcert.shtml)
 - If you were born outside New York City, you can get a certified copy of your birth document from the [New York State Department of Health’s Vital Records Department](http://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/birth_certificates/)
 - Certified Transcript of your Birth Certificate
 - Certificate from Commissioner or local Board of Health stating no such Certificate is available

3. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If you answered 'Yes' to question 3, you must answer questions 4 and 5.

4. Court where you were convicted: _____

5. Crime for which you were convicted: _____

6. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? Yes No

7. Are there any judgments or liens against you? Yes No

8. Are you a party in a lawsuit or other court case? Yes No

If you answered 'Yes' to question 6, 7 or 8, provide details below, including the court where it was filed, the date it was filed, and the case number (if known).

9. Are you currently married? Yes No

10. Were you previously married? Yes No

11. Do you have any children under 21? Yes No

12. Do you have to pay child support? Yes No

If you answered 'Yes' to question 12, you must answer questions 13, 14 and 15.

13. Are your child support payments up to date? Yes No

If 'No,' how much do you owe? \$ _____

14. Court that issued the child support order: _____

15. Child Support Collections Unit: _____

16. Do you have to pay spousal support? Yes No

If you answered 'Yes' to question 16, you must answer questions 17 and 18.

17. Are your spousal support payments up to date? Yes No

If 'No,' how much do you owe? \$ _____

18. Court that issued the spousal support order: _____

19. Have you ever filed a name change petition before? Yes No

If 'Yes,' provide details below, including the court where you filed the petition, the date that you filed it, the case number (if known), and the result.

20. What are your reasons for changing your name?

Provide details below.

SECTION B: SEX DESIGNATION CHANGE (complete this section for a sex designation change)**21. Your new sex designation:** _____**22. Have you ever filed a sex designation change petition before?** Yes No

If 'Yes,' provide details below, including the court where you filed the petition, the date that you filed it, the case number (if known), and the result.

23. Do you want to provide your reasons for changing your sex designation? Yes No

If 'Yes,' you may provide details below. If 'No,' leave this question blank. Please note, this information is optional and is not required for a court order to change your sex designation.

SECTION C: PERSONAL INFORMATION (all applicants must complete this section)**24. Your Present Name:** _____**25. Your Age:** _____**26. Your Date of Birth** (Month/Day/Year): _____**27. Your Current Address** (Street Address, City/Town/Village, State, Zip, Country):**NOTE:** The court may require you to show proof of address when you file your petition.

28. Should this court record be sealed for your personal safety? Yes No

If 'Yes,' provide details below.

[Empty text box for providing details for question 28]

29. Have you attached any supporting documents or additional pages? Yes No

If 'Yes,' list the name or a description of the document(s) below.

[Empty text box for listing supporting documents for question 29]

30. I respectfully request a Court Order permitting my name change and/or sex designation change.

Petitioner Signature

Date

VERIFICATION

State of New York, County of _____ ss.:

I, _____, the petitioner, being duly sworn, have read the above petition and say that the information in the petition is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Petitioner Signature in Presence of Notary

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

Note: You can complete and submit a Fee Waiver Application form asking the court to waive the filing fees for your application if you qualify. A fillable Fee Waiver Application form is available at: <https://www.nycourts.gov/CourtHelp/GoingToCourt/feeWaiver.shtml>