Birth Certificate Process

Were you born in Missouri?

— Yes →

Do you currently have an unexpired government issued photo ID ?

— Yes → **You can get your birth certificate!** → **You need $15 payment.**

— No →

Do you have two documents with your name on them? (See green box below.)

— Yes → **You can get your birth certificate!**

— No → **Time to get creative. Are there any agencies you work with that can provide a letter to verify your identity? Recent hospital visits? Are you registered with Selective Service? Is there a direct relative that can apply for you?**

— No (Were you born in Missouri?) →

1. Find your birth state in the Out of State Birth Certificate Guide.
2. Print and fill in the appropriate application.
3. Submit photocopies of required documents.*
4. Sign the birth certificate application.
5. Submit the application with the exact fee.**

*If you do not have the required documents, call the Vital Records office. Sometimes you can have a social worker or attorney apply on your behalf.
**The cheapest option is to mail in the application, but if funds allow, applying online is faster!

Acceptable Documents* for Missouri Birth Certificate

- Letter from Social Service Agency on letterhead
- Food Stamp or Social Security award letter
- Utility Bill
- Hospital bill or discharge paperwork
- Social Security Card
- Nearly anything with person's name on it

*May vary by office location. Call your office to confirm.