



**MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Benefits Department**

AFFIDAVIT OF COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE

NOTICE - YOUR SIGNATURE ON THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE CONSIDERED PROOF OF A COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE. A COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE CARRIES THE SAME RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS A SOLEMNIZED MARRIAGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THIS DOCUMENT, YOU SHOULD CONTACT AN ATTORNEY.

We, the undersigned, being of lawful age, attest to the following facts:

1. We have lived together continuously as married spouses to the present time, we have professed to be married spouses, and we have held ourselves out to the community as being legally married.
2. That we are 18 years of age or older, or if between the ages of 16 and 18, have obtained appropriate parental guardian consent. We (do/do not) use the same last name.
3. There is no legal impediment to our marriage, including, but not limited to, a prior marriage of either party that has not been legally terminated by death or divorce.
4. The effective date of the marriage will be recognized as the date this Affidavit has been signed, dated, and recorded with the County Clerk/Recorder's office.
5. We acknowledge that legal separation or divorce will result in loss of spousal coverage.

NAME OF ENROLLEE (PRINTED)

NAME OF SPOUSE (PRINTED)

Signature of Enrollee

Signature of Spouse

Date: _____

Date: _____

State of Montana

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

by _____.

Notary Signature

(Affix Notary Seal/Stamp on left)

COMPLETE THIS AFFIDAVIT, SIGN IT BEFORE A NOTARY, AND HAVE THE AFFIDAVIT RECORDED AT YOUR COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER'S OFFICE. THERE IS A FEE FOR FILING AND FOR RECEIVING CERTIFIED COPIES.

*** Submit the completed Affidavit and a copy of the recorded Affidavit filing with the County Clerk/Recorder's office to your campus Human Resources/Benefits Office within 63 days of the date of the recording. Coverage begins the first of the month following receipt of the completed Affidavit and the certified recorded filing. If not received within 63 days of the recorded filing date, the spouse will not be eligible for coverage without a Qualifying Event. See the Summary Plan Description for additional information.