



# 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.health.ny.gov)
    - 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)
  - 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.

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

If 'Yes,' provide details below.

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.

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>