

## Affidavit of Common Law Marriage

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
PID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
PID (if applicable)

The concept of common law marriage is recognized by some states, including Colorado. Typically, the necessary elements are co-habitation, declaration of marriage, and representation as a married couple to a third party.

Couples claiming common law marriage need to be aware there is no such thing as a common law divorce. **A common law spouse may be entitled to distribution of property, support, and/or maintenance.**

We, the undersigned, attest to the following facts:

- ☐ On \_\_\_\_\_, we agreed to live as a married couple and we have co-habited since that time.  
(Month, day) (Year)
- ☐ We profess to be married, and we hold ourselves out to the community as being married.
- ☐ We are eighteen years of age or older.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ We understand that this agreement can be terminated **only through death or legal divorce proceedings.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Common Law Spouse 1 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Common Law Spouse 2 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public Seal: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires

Notary Public's Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Supporting documentation:

**If you filed a Federal Income Tax Return as married filing jointly or married filing separately**, attach a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return Transcripts (you can obtain a copy of your tax transcripts at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call 1-800-908-9946) as evidence that you represented yourselves as married to a third party (in this case the Internal Revenue Service).

**If you did not file a Federal Income Tax Return as married filing jointly or married filing separately**, attach to this affidavit two (2) types of proof of representation of yourselves as married to a third party. This can include proof of jointly owned property such as bank accounts, auto registration and insurance, or a mortgage. A copy of a health insurance policy that recognizes your marital status or a letter from someone other than a family member who can verify that you have held yourselves out to the community as married are also acceptable documentation.

**THIS FORM CANNOT BE FAXED OR EMAILED.** Federal Regulations require the original document be mailed to:

Colorado State University-Pueblo  
Financial Aid Office  
2200 Bonforte Blvd  
Pueblo, CO 81001

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