

MGC Pioneer Certificate Program FAQs

Q: Can I apply for both certificates at the same time?

A: Yes, check the appropriate boxes on the application, include two fees and one set of documents. You will receive two certificates and each pin.

Q: Can the certificate be made out honoring a couple instead of an individual?

A: Yes, just fill out the form as you wish the names to appear.

Q: My direct line doesn't go through the female line; do I need to send in documents for the indirect people?

A: Yes, any statement of fact needs to have a corresponding documentation. Preferably primary evidence.

Q: Can additional family members apply at the same time?

A: Yes, individual applications, with appropriate fees must be included. The advantage is only ONE SET of documents need to be included.

Q: A family member already received a certificate; must I redo the entire application?

A: The application needs to be filled out in its entirety, including citations used on the previous application. However, instead of sending in copies of documents already submitted, just include the Pioneer Certificate Number associated with your submission. This pertains to the current program only.

Q: I found a great German baptismal record, can I use it?

A: Yes, a transcription needs to be included, in English.

Q: A deed is hard to read, can I still use it?

A: Yes, but a transcription will need to be included.

Q: How should I number the documents?

A: Please number them consecutively, do not separate them into generations.

Q: How should I record the name of my early ancestor if I am submitting a pioneer couple?

A: If a married pioneer couple has the same surname, please use the format: Male & Female (Maiden Name) Surname. Couples with different surnames can be listed: Individual #1 & Individual #2.

Q: Can you recommend any resources?

A: A list of websites may soon be available on the Michigan Council Website: <https://mimgc.org>