Walden University

Common Law Marriage Form

Student Name:	**Walden ID/SSN:**
Spouse Name:	**Walden ID/SSN:**
Street/City/State/Zip Code:	**Daytime Telephone Number:**

THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED AND THE ORIGINAL MAILED TO WALDEN UNIVERSITY

The concept of common law marriage is recognized by Alabama, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah. Within these states, certain restrictions do apply. You need to check your state law to determine your rights, *if any*, that apply to common law marriage. Typically, the necessary elements are co-habitation, declaration of marriage, and representation of you as husband and wife to a third party.

We, the undersigned, attest to the following facts:

- **On _____ (month, day and year), we agreed to live as husband and wife and have co-habited since that time.**
- **We reside in _____ (state).**
- **We profess to be husband and wife, 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.**

Common Law Wife Signature: _____ Date: _____

Common Law Husband Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of_____

City/County of_____

On_____, before me, _____
(Date) (Notary's Name)

Personally appeared, _____, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory
(Print Name of Signers)

evidence of identification _____ to be the above named persons who signed the foregoing instrument.
(Type of Government-Issued Photo IDs provided)

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(SEAL) _____
(Notary Signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)