

- CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATES -

The Mid-East Performance Association requires that a **CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE** be available as proof of age for each performing member of the winter guard. This is NOT a photocopy of your birth certificate. A certified birth certificate is one that bears the stamp, imprint or seal of the department of vital statistics, health department or other official agency.

There is a national clearinghouse online where you can purchase certified birth records no matter in which state you were born. VitalChek can provide the certified birth certificates if you order online with a debit or credit card. Costs vary from state to state but it is usually \$10 to \$30 per certified copy. The turnaround is usually fairly quick and it is a secure website:

<http://www.vitalchek.com/>

Or, you can go to the vital records office of your birth state:

KENTUCKY

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/vitalrecords/>

Online orders in Kentucky are about \$20.00 and are generally processed in about 24-hours.

OHIO

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/vitalstatistics/vitalstats.aspx>

Or go to your county department of health for more information. The cost of birth records is \$16.50

WEST VIRGINIA

<http://www.wvdhhr.org/bph/oehp/hsc/vr/birtcert.htm#birth>

There is a form to download and fill out. The cost is \$10 per certified copy. It takes 2-4 weeks through the state office.