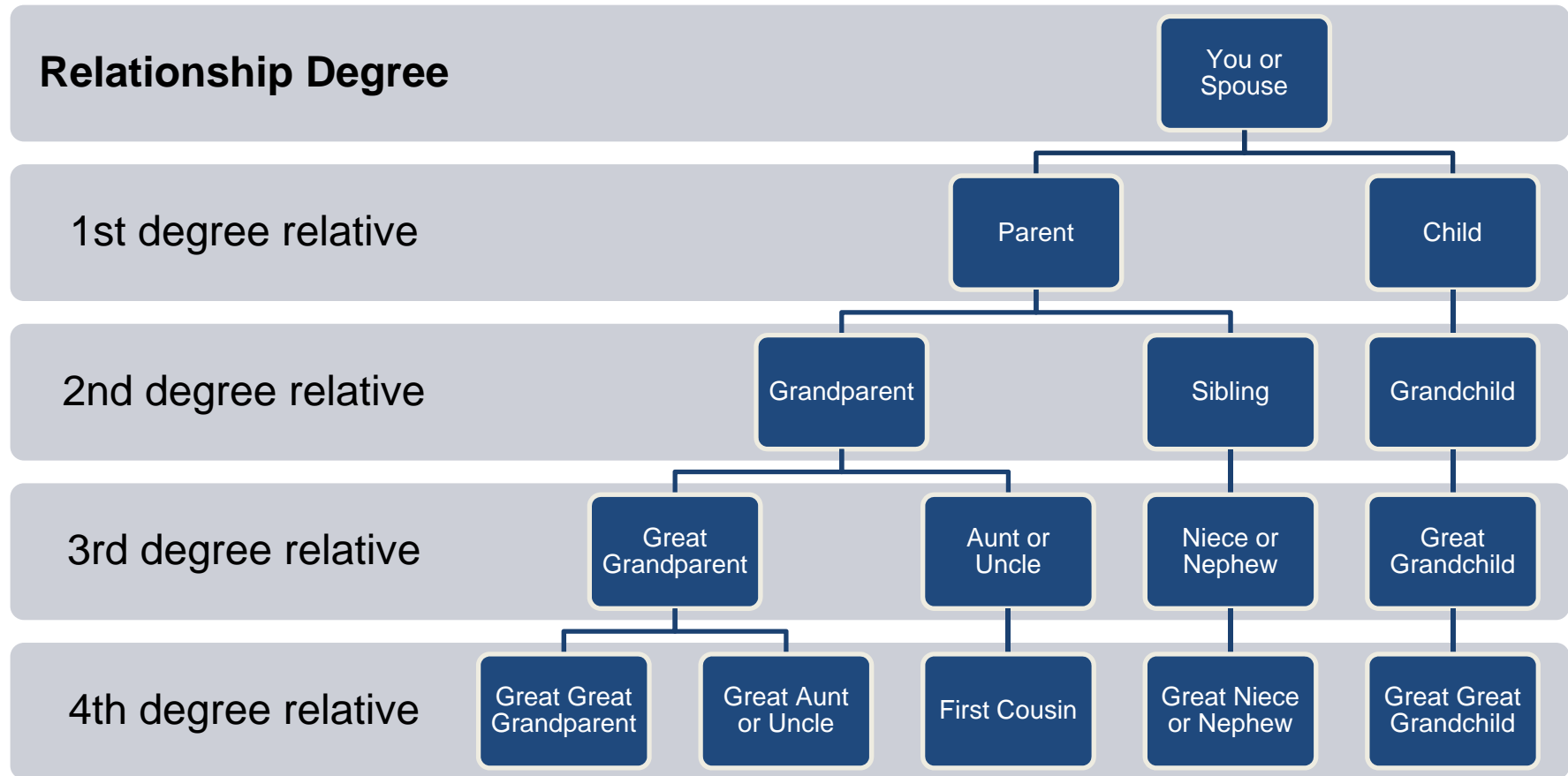


Relationship Chart

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Nepotism is the bestowal of political patronage by reason of relationship rather than of merit. 2-2-301, MCA.



Montana law prohibits a person from appointing to any position of trust or emolument any person related or connected by consanguinity within the fourth degree or by affinity within the second degree. Affinity means the relation that one spouse has, by virtue of the marriage, to blood relatives of the other. Husbands and wives are related by affinity in the first degree. Degrees of affinity are computed in the same manner as degrees of relationship by consanguinity. Consanguinity relationships are blood relatives. 2-2-302 & 1-1-219, MCA.