APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSELOR

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To,

The Principal Judge
Family Court, _____

FAMILY COURT .....(Fill the Name of District/Taluka places Family Courts where you want to be empanel as Counsellor)

1. Applicant Name :

2. Name of the Father / Husband :

3. Date of Birth :

4. Educational Qualification (Bachelor's Degree onwards) –
(also attach the required certification)

Name of Exam	Name of University	Year of Passing	Percentage of Marks

5. Experience :

(Give details of experience in the field of Social and Family Welfare, also attach the required certification as required under Rule 5(B) of **The Gujarat Family Court (Amendment) Rules, 2023)**

6. Permanent Address :

7. Address for Correspondence :

8. Mobile No. :

9. Email Address :

10. If enrolled as Advocate give enrollment No.:

11. If you have ever worked as Counselor in Family Court: _____
(Provide details of Family Court & Year and attach a copy of order by which you were appointed)

12. (i) Whether any Criminal prosecution is pending against you?

(ii) Have you ever been convicted by Criminal Court?
(If yes, then give details)

13. Whether any case of your concerned is pending in this Family Court?

Date:

(Name and Signature of the Applicant)

Declaration

I hereby declare that all information made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event of my information being found false or incorrect or the ineligibility being detected, action can be taken against me.

Date: (Name and Signature of the Applicant)

Place:

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FAMILY COURT, _____

ADVERTISEMENT NO. ___/2026

TO PREPARE A PANEL OF COUNSELLOR IN THE FAMILY COURTS OF DISTRICT :- _____

Applications in prescribed format are invited from the eligible persons for empanelment as **Counsellors** in the Family Courts of District - _____, under the **Gujarat Family Court (Amendment) Rules, 2023**.

The **General terms and conditions for appointment :**

1. **Qualification:**

Applicant must possess following qualification :-
(As on the last date of Application)

(i) Degree of a recognized University preferably with Social Science or psychology as one of the subjects;

(ii) Minimum experience of 02 (Two) Years in Social Work, Child Psychiatry or Family Counselling and

(iii) Having impeccable integrity.

Important Notes :

(a) In case of other things being equal, then preference shall be given, in the matter of appointment -

- to a woman Candidate having the requisite qualification;
- to a Candidate who has been a Judge or has experience of Counselling in family matters.

(b) The High Court may, in exceptional circumstances, relax the minimum academic qualifications.

2. Age-limit :

As on the last date fixed for submission of Application, a candidate must have attained the age of 35 years and must not have crossed the age of 65 years.

3. Honorarium or Fee :

The Candidate appointed as Counsellor, Family Court shall be paid a Honorarium or Fee as may be determined and notified by State Government from time to time.

4. Duties and responsibilities of Counsellor, Family Court :

(i) The Candidate appointed as the Counsellor shall have to work in association with the Family Court for the purpose of promoting conciliation in and securing speedy settlement of disputes relating to marriage and family affairs and matters connected therewith.

(ii) **The Counsellor so appointed shall not act or plead for a party to a case or proceeding** but shall generally assist the Court in reaching peaceful and amicable settlement of the dispute.

(iii) The Counsellor, entrusted with any petition, shall -
- attend the Court as and when required by the Judge of the Family Court;
- aid and advise the parties regarding settlement of the subject-matter of dispute or any other part thereof;
- help the parties in reconciliation;
- submit report or interim report, as the case may be required by the Court to which he/she is attached;
- perform such other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Family Court to which he/she is attached, from time to time.

5. Termination of Counsellor :

The appointment of Counsellor may be terminated on recommendation of the High Court, without assigning any reason, at any time before the expiry of his/her term on the recommendation of the concerned Principal Judge, Family Court.
