

# Sample Form

## Lay Counselor Application\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Why do you want to serve in the lay counseling ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you believe are your spiritual gifts? \_\_\_\_\_

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What experience do you have in counseling or discipling ministries? \_\_\_\_\_

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### TESTIMONY

Please briefly share your testimony of faith: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

*(\*Note to Ministries: Specific state laws may apply to lay counseling and other spiritual care ministry programs. These requirements vary by state. You should work with an attorney familiar with laws that apply to your church's lay counseling ministry program.)*

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION\*\*

Have you ever participated in sexual misconduct? Have you ever been accused of, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or been convicted of abuse or any sexual misconduct?

No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to any criminal offense of any kind?

No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you possess any traits/tendencies that could pose a threat to others?

No  Yes If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*(\*\*Note to Ministries: Because of the accusatory nature of these questions, and to the extent that a crime does not pose a threat to counselees, you may not be able to ask these specific questions in your state. Check with your attorney.)*

**CHURCH ACTIVITY**

What church or churches have you been a member of and/or attended in the past five years?  
Include your standing during your time at the church and your standing at the time of your leaving.

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**REFERENCES**

*(Please provide at least two references, neither of which is related to you.)*

**REFERENCE #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**LAY COUNSELOR RELEASE**

I recognize that [NAME OF ORGANIZATION] is relying on the accuracy of the information I provide on the Lay Counselor Application form. Accordingly, I attest and affirm that the information I have provided is absolutely true and correct.

I agree with the church’s statements of belief on faith, marriage and sexuality and agree to act and instruct in conformity with them during any counseling activity. [INCLUDE/ATTACH STATEMENT]

I authorize the organization permission to check my background with any governmental entity and law enforcement agency.

I authorize the organization to contact any person or entity listed on the Lay Counselor Application form, and I further authorize any such person or entity to provide the organization with information, opinions, and impressions relating to my background or qualifications.

I voluntarily release the organization and any such person or entity listed on the Lay Counselor Application Form from liability involving the communication of information relating to my background or qualifications.

Should I be selected to be a lay counselor, I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the organization and to protect the health and safety of the lay counselees assigned to my care at all times.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please read this document carefully before you sign it.)*

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