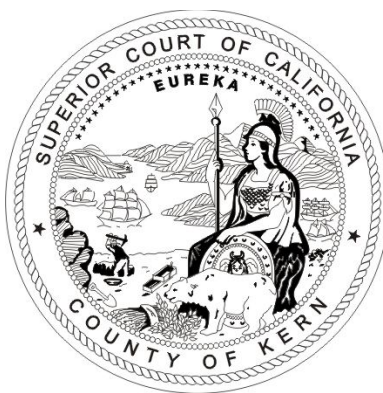


The Superior Court of
California, County of Kern



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MINOR(S) MARRIAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS:

California law requires a person under 18 years of age to obtain consent from at least one parent or guardian and permission in the form of a court order. Granting permission for a minor to marry is entirely within the discretion of the court.

At the time the parties file the Application for Permission to Marry with the court, each party must separately complete and submit this questionnaire. The questionnaire is to be submitted to Family Court Services within 10 days of filing the petition. An appointment for an interview with Family Court Services will be scheduled for the parties and for the consenting parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor(s) at:

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Family Court Services
1215 Truxtun Avenue
3rd Floor, Room 301
Bakersfield, California 93301**

The parties and the consenting parent(s)/guardian(s) will be interviewed individually for this evaluation.

This is a mandatory appointment pursuant to Family Code § 302, 303, 304. The interview at Family Court Services is not required if both parties are at least 17 years of age and each party who is a minor has achieved a high school diploma or a high school equivalency (GED) certificate. The following is required for matters that do not meet this criteria:

1. Copies of the minor's birth certificate
2. Diploma or GED (if achieved)
3. Proof of divorce or annulment from past marriages or domestic partnership

A confidential report with a recommendation to either grant or deny the petition for the minor(s) to marry will be filed with the court upon completion of this investigation.

No recording or recording devices of any kind are allowed during the interview. We do not consent to being recorded and non-consensual recordings are a violation of Penal Code § 632. If we discover that we are being recorded directly or indirectly, the violation will be referred to the Sheriff's Department for investigation.

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DATE:

CASE NAME:

CASE NUMBER:

MINOR(S) MARRIAGE EVALUATION INTAKE QUESTIONNAIRE

I. PARTIES ON APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION FOR MINOR(S) TO MARRY

Your Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Place of birth: _____ Driver License Number: _____ State: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Phone: () _____ What language do you prefer to speak? _____

Do you have any children? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many? _____ Where do they live? _____

Please list:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

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Has the decision to marry been your own free will? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain: _____

Why do you want to get married? _____

Are you emancipated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the date and county of your emancipation? _____

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Have you ever been married? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the date you married: _____ Date divorced: _____

What was the age of your previous spouse at the time you married? _____

Why did your marriage end? _____

How did you and your proposed spouse meet? _____

When did you and proposed spouse meet? _____

How long have you been in your current relationship? _____

Have you and your proposed spouse attended pre-marital counseling together?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you or your proposed spouse live together? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, what your living arrangements for the future? _____

Has there been any incidents of domestic violence between you and your proposed spouse (including emotional, verbal, financial, physical)? If yes, please explain: _____

How do you handle disagreements between you and your proposed spouse?

What do you and your proposed spouse argue about? _____

How are decisions made between you and your proposed spouse? _____

How does your parent or guardian feel about the proposed marriage? _____

Attorney for: _____ or ☐ Not Applicable

Name of Party

Attorney Name: _____ Tel. No.: (____) _____

Address: _____

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II. YOUR EDUCATION:

Are you currently enrolled in school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name of school: _____

Do you have a High School Diploma, GED or high school equivalency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when did you graduate: ____ If no, what is the highest grade you completed: _____

Reason for leaving school: _____

Do you have plans for future education or training? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you require any special accommodations? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: _____

License(s) or Credential(s) Received: _____

III. YOUR EMPLOYMENT:

Name of Employer: _____ Work Location: _____

Occupation: _____ Length of Employment: _____ Salary: _____

Work Schedule (Days/Times): _____ Day(s) Off: _____

Supervisor's Name, Address, and Telephone Number: _____

IV. YOUR HEALTH:

Are you pregnant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is your expected due date? _____

Have you or your proposed spouse been diagnosed with a medical condition? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you or your proposed spouse been diagnosed with a mental health condition?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: _____

Have you or your proposed spouse been hospitalized for psychiatric reasons? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you taking medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain (name of medication and what it is prescribed for): _____

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Your Alternate

Parent's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mark the box below to indicate this parent's attitude about your proposed marriage:

☐ Supportive ☐ Neutral ☐ Strongly Opposed ☐ Attitude Unknown

Your Guardian's

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mark the box below to indicate this parent's attitude about your proposed marriage:

☐ Supportive ☐ Neutral ☐ Strongly Opposed ☐ Attitude Unknown

VII. HOUSING AND FINANCES:

The home you and your proposed spouse will live in is: ☐ owned ☐ rented

Monthly cost: \$ _____ Expenses paid by: _____

Number of bedrooms: _____ Number of bathrooms: _____ Approximate Size: _____ sq. ft.

LIST ALL PERSONS LIVING IN YOUR HOME (do not include yourself)

Name	Date of Birth	Age	Relationship to you

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Income: *List source(s) of household income and amount(s).*

	<u>Income Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

Other Assets: *List your other major assets or real property such as a car, bank accounts, house.*

	<u>Asset</u>	<u>Value</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

Debts: *List your other debts and amounts owed.*

	<u>Money Owed To:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all of the information I have submitted in this FCS Questionnaire is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print name

Signature

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Informed Consent for Minor(s) Marriage or Domestic Partnership Evaluation

California law requires a person under 18 years of age to obtain consent from at least one parent or guardian and permission in the form of a court order. Granting permission for a minor to marry or establish domestic partnership is entirely within the discretion of the court.

1) Evaluation Procedures

A Family Court Services' Investigator will be gathering information from many sources, including but not limited to, law enforcement, financial documents and agencies, child protective services, schools, driving records, and our own observation of you, and others involved in this case. Each of the parties intending to marry will be interviewed separately. If more than one parent or guardian is interviewed, the parent or guardian shall be interviewed separately.

We will not use psychological testing in our evaluation. We will talk to people whose opinions and information are relevant to this case. We will also ask you to sign a release of information form, which will provide us with access to medical, school, legal, and other information related to the issues under investigation. These releases will give permission to others to provide necessary information to us.

2) Collateral Sources

We will generally contact those professionals with whom you have worked and who can give us necessary information about you or others involved in the case. Generally, these collateral sources might include school staff, law enforcement officers, pediatricians and other medical doctors and therapists. We can also include others as well. It is rare for us to interview all collateral parties that are suggested. We usually only contact those professional collateral sources who we believe will add information to the evaluation. If you have one or two collateral sources that you believe are crucial to our evaluation, please let us know. Please note that we will inform sources that the content of all interviews may be included in our written evaluation report, and we may be required to testify about these contacts in Court. We reserve the right to contact any of those persons if we need clarification of any written information given to us.

3) Confidentiality

Please note that the process of evaluating minor(s) marriage is confidential to the extent that the information about your case will only be shared with those authorized to receive this information, which includes the court. The investigator is required by law to report to the Department of Human Services or law enforcement if reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect, or if any parties (including the children) present a danger to self or other.

4) Fees

The cost of the evaluation will be based upon the number of hours needed to complete the investigation and prepare the report at an hourly rate of \$90.00 plus administration fees and mileage. These costs will be included in the report.

At least twenty-four-hour notice is required to cancel or reschedule an appointment without being charged. Without twenty-four hours notice, the parent/caregiver who misses the appointment may be

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billed an additional \$90.00 per appointment hour. Excessive missed appointments can result in termination of the evaluation with notification to the Court of what portion of the evaluation has been completed.

5) Recommendations

A written report will be prepared and filed with the Court. Please be aware that whatever we recommend, it will always be based on our analysis of all of the evaluation data of potential force, threat, persuasion, fraud, coercion, or duress by either of the parties or their family members relating to the intended marriage. Only the court is authorized to receive this information.

7) Complaints

If you have a concern or a complaint regarding the Investigator assigned to your case, you may contact Patricia Arredondo, Manager of Family Court Services at 1215 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301, (661) 610-6717.

8) Change in Information

It is your responsibility to keep us informed of any changes to your address or phone number. Failure to do so may result in the closing of the investigation.

9) Consent

I have read and understand this Consent for Minor(s) Marriage Evaluation, and expressly consent to the Kern County Superior Court Family Court Services and its agents and employees to conduct an evaluation.

_____	_____	_____
Signature	Printed Name	Date

Case Number _____