#### GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE WELFARE, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES & WELFARE OF STREET CHILDREN, A.P., VIJAYAWADA

## **<u>NOTIFICATION</u>** Last Date for receiving applications 31.12. 2024

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates with requisite qualifications, in the prescribed application form, for serving as "Chairpersons & Members of the Child Welfare Committees" and "Social Worker Members of the Juvenile Justice Boards" for all the 13 erstwhile districts of Andhra Pradesh under Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015/Amendment Act 2021 and the Juvenile Justice (CPC) Model Rules, 2016/Amendment Rules, 2022.

The detailed notification, application form, educational qualifications along with eligibility criteria can be accessed in the website https://wdcw.ap.gov.in/ under 'Notification' column. Applicants shall not be less than 35 years of age and not more than 65 years of age as on the date of notification.

The application with bio-data along with (self-attested) copies of the credentials should reach **this office on or before 31.12.2024 latest by 05:30 PM** at the below address:

The Director, Dept. of Juvenile Welfare, Correctional Services & Welfare of Street Children, D.No.3-1-265/4A, Govt. Observation Home for Boys premises, Near Kabela Centre, Rotary Nagar, Vidyadharapuram, Vijayawada – 520 012, NTR Dist., A.P.

The application shall be sent in a sealed cover through Registered-Post or by Speed-Post for scrutiny and consideration by the Selection Committee. Applicants shall super scribe on the envelope as "Application for selection of Chairperson/Member of CWC or Social Worker Member of JJB".

The applicant should send only one application form, even if he/she chooses to apply for more than one position in a CWC or JJB. The candidates shall apply for one district only. The applicant must be a resident of Andhra Pradesh state. Applications sent by e-mail, WhatsApp, incomplete applications, applications without signatures, applications without the required eligibility criteria and the applications received after due date will not be accepted.

The applicants are requested to note that these appointments are not regular government job. These are purely tenure based appointments to deal with the cases of the 'Children in need of care & protection' and 'Children in conflict with law', and they will be paid sitting allowance / honorarium as may be fixed by the State Government. The term period of the Committee or the Board is 3 years.

Only those shortlisted applications, which fulfil the basic eligibility criteria and required qualifications, will be considered to place before the Selection Committee. The shortlisted candidates will have to attend a personal interaction/interview before the Selection Committee for final selection. The venue for personal interaction/interview will be communicated later.

For any further information, please contact in the Office at the above address and you may also contact our officer Mobile number +91 9100045396 during office hours excluding public holidays.

# Note:

- 1. The Director, Dept. of JWCS&WSC, A.P shall have all the rights to cancel or modify the notification at any time before finalization of the selection.
- 2. Applicants are requested to note that all columns are mandatory to fill up with relevant information. Wherever the information furnished by the applicant must be supported by proof of document which shall be selfattested and if the applicant fails to submit the proof of document along with the application or if the such document is not self-attested, such information will be construed as it has no value; and the Screening Committee will have the authority to take a decision in such cases, basing on the information available before the Committee, which shall be final. All documents shall invariably be attested by the individual.
- 3. This notification is applicable for the 13 erstwhile districts where the Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards have been functioning at Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Eluru, Vijayawada, Guntur, Ongole, Nellore, Kurnool, Kadapa, Tirupati & Ananthapuramu.

Sd/-M. Venu Gopal Reddy, I.A.S., DIRECTOR (FAC)

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & QUALIFICATIONS FOR SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON/MEMBERS TO CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE AND SOCIAL WORKER MEMBERS TO JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

(For the Notification issued by the Dept. of Juvenile Welfare, Correctional Services & Welfare of Street Children, A.P)

#### (I) JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD:

# QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SOCIAL WORKER MEMBERS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD:

A person to be appointed as Social Worker Member of the Board:-

- a) shall not be less than 35 years of age and shall not be more than 65 years of age on the date of notification and should be physically fit and mentally agile.
- b) shall have a degree, preferably, in child psychology or psychiatry or sociology or health sciences or education or in the field of law from any recognized Indian University.
- c) shall have at least seven years of experience of working with children in the field of education, health or welfare activities or should be a practicing professional with a degree in the field of child psychology or psychiatry or sociology or law.

## ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR SELECTION AS SOCIAL WORKER MEMBER OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

- A) A person to be selected as a Social Worker Member of the Board
  - i) should not have any past record of violation of human rights or child rights,
  - ii) should not have been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude and if such conviction has not been reversed or has not been granted full pardon in respect of such offence,
  - iii) should not have been removed or dismissed from service of the Central Government or State Government or an undertaking or corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government or State Government,
  - iv) should not be working in any office of the Central Government or State Government or an undertaking or corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government or State Government as on the date of application.

- v) should not have ever indulged in child abuse or employment of child labour or any other violation of human rights or immoral act,
- vi) should not be holding such full-time occupation that may not allow the person to give necessary time and attention to the work of the Board or Committee as per the Act and Rules.
- vii) should not hold any office in any political party during his/her tenure,
- viii) should not be insolvent.
- ix) should not have been a member of a Board/ Management of any institution / organization which has been blacklisted / adversely reported upon,
- x) should be a person with an unblemished record in rendering services for the welfare of children and should have substantially contributed towards the welfare of the children,
- xi) should be a person having a child-friendly attitude,
- xii) should have experience of working with Government in the implementation of child related government programs for a minimum period of 3 years.
- B) No person shall be appointed as a member unless he possesses the qualifications prescribed above.
- C) A social worker member of the Board shall be eligible for appointment of maximum of two terms.
- D) The term of a member of the Board shall not be for more than a period of three years from the date of appointment.
- E) A person, who has been a Social Worker Member of the Juvenile Justice Board in past and has not attended meetings consecutively for a period of three consecutive months or failed to attend less than three-fourths of the sittings in a year or not fulfilled the responsibilities delegated to him/her or misused the powers vested on him/her or has not maintained prescribed records or any individual who was previously selected to the Board but has not reported his/her joining to the Board or resigned without any valid reason, shall not be nominated again.
- F) Any practicing Advocate who wish to apply for Juvenile Justice Board may indicate that they have no adverse comments or have no professional obligations involved to function as a Bench of Magistrates

along with NOC from respective Bar Association / Council / District Legal Services Authorities / State Legal Services Authority.

- G) Should be an individual with a good reputation and who will give priority to the responsibilities of being a member of Juvenile Justice Board and who could spare quality time for discharging the obligations without any hindrance/excuse;
- H) Should not be associated with any Child Care Institution directly or indirectly during his/her tenure as a member of the Board or should not have any other conflict of interest.

## <u>CONDITIONS FOR TERMINATION/CESSATION OF SOCIAL WORKER</u> <u>MEMBERS OF JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD:</u>

The appointment of any member of the Board will be terminated:-

- i) If he/she has been found guilty of misuse of power vested under this Act, or
- ii) If a Social Worker Member of the Board fails to attend the proceedings of Juvenile Justice Board for a continuous period of three (3) months without any valid reasons, or If he/she fails to attend less than threefourth of the sittings of the Board in a year, his/her selection will automatically cease and the position will be treated as a vacancy.
- iii) If it is brought to the knowledge of the Selection Committee or the Government that the qualifications, experience and eligibility of a member of Board so appointed does not conform to the qualification and experience prescribed in the Act and the Rules as prescribed by Government, the Selection Committee shall after due inquiry and on establishment of such fact, declare the appointment of such member as null and void and recommend the name of the next person from the list of names prepared for filling vacancies as per Rules.
- iv) Any false claim about qualifications/credibility/ achievements, shall entail rejection of candidature Juvenile Justice Board and be debarred from being co-opted for any activity/ program in the Department of Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens for a period of 10 years. Government reserves the right to cancel the selection of member of Juvenile Justice Board if any such fact comes to notice of the Government at any time and such person shall also be debarred for 10 years.
- v) If any complaint is made against a member of the Board, the State Government shall hold an inquiry, except in respect of judicial officers;

complaints against judicial officers shall be forwarded to the Registrar of the High Court for action.

- vi) The State Government shall complete the inquiry within a period of two months and take appropriate action within one month.
- vii) If a criminal case is registered against the member concerned, if necessary the Government may suspend the member immediately pending inquiry, for such term as appropriate, or after holding an inquiry and giving an opportunity of being heard in the matter.

#### (II) CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE:

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE:

A person to be appointed as a Chairperson of the Committee -

- a) Shall not be less than 35 years of age and not more than 65 years of age and should be physically fit and mentally agile.
- b) Shall have a Degree, preferably, in child psychology or psychiatry or law or social work or sociology or human health or education or human development or medicine or special education for differently abled children from any recognized Indian University.
- c) Shall have a minimum of seven years of experience of working with children in the field of health, education or welfare activities pertaining to children or should be a practicing professional with a degree in child psychology or psychiatry or law or social work or sociology or human health or education or human development or special education for differently abled children.

## ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR SELECTION AS CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE:

- A) A person to be selected as a Chairperson or Member of the Committee–
  - i) Should not have any past record of violation of human rights or child rights,
  - ii) Should not have been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude and if such conviction has not been reversed or has not been granted full pardon in respect of such offence,

- Should not have been removed or dismissed from service of the Central Government or State Government or an undertaking or corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government or State Government,
- iv) Should not be working in any office of the Central Government or State Government or an undertaking or corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government or State Government as on the date of application.
- v) Should not have ever indulged in child abuse or employment of child labour or any other violation of human rights or immoral act,
- vi) Should not be holding such full-time occupation that may not allow the person to give necessary time and attention to the work of the Board or Committee as per the Act and Rules.
- vii) Should not be part of management of a child care institution in a district.
- viii) Should not hold any office in any political party during his/her tenure,
- ix) Should not be insolvent.
- B) No person shall be appointed as a member unless he possesses the qualifications prescribed above.
- C) A member of the Committee shall be eligible for appointment of maximum of two terms, which shall not be continuous.

"Provided that nothing contained in this sub-rule shall be a bar in case of a member being appointed as Chairperson"

- D) The term of a member of the Board or Committee shall not be for more than a period of three years from the date of appointment.
- E) A person, who has been a Chairperson/Member of the Child Welfare Committee or Social Worker Member of the Juvenile Justice Board in past and has not attended meetings consecutively for a period of three consecutive months or failed to attend less than three-fourths of the sittings in a year or not fulfilled the responsibilities delegated to him/her or misused the powers vested on him/her or has not maintained prescribed records or any individual who was previously selected to the Committee/ Board but has not reported his/her joining to the Committee / Board or resigned without any valid reason, shall not be nominated again.

- F) Any practicing Advocate who wish to apply for Child Welfare Committee/Juvenile Justice Board may indicate that they have no adverse comments or have no professional obligations involved to function as a Bench of Magistrates along with NOC from respective Bar Association / Council / District Legal Services Authorities / State Legal Services Authority.
- G) Should be an individual with a good reputation and who will give priority to the responsibilities of being a member of Child Welfare Committee / Juvenile Justice Board and who could spare quality time for discharging the obligations without any hindrance/excuse;
- H) The person applying for the post of the Chairperson or member of the Committee shall submit an undertaking in the application form (as prescribed in Form 49), certifying that the applicant is not barred by any of the conditions laid down in subsection 4A of section 27 of the Act.
- I) A person associated with an organization receiving foreign contribution shall not be eligible to be a Chairperson or member of the Committee.
- J) Any person working in the implementation of the Act in any Non-Government Organisation or any organisation, performing such functions which may cause conflict of interest in discharge of their duties as the Chairperson or member of the Committee shall not be eligible for appointment as the Chairperson and member of the Committee.

Explanation: For the removal of doubt, it is hereby clarified that, this may include but is not limited to any of the following situations within the territorial jurisdiction of the Committee:

- (a) any family member is a member of any non-governmental organisation;
- (b) close relation is a member of any non-governmental organisation;
- (c) cases of non-governmental organisations or persons working in a district for rescue and rehabilitation;
- (d) a person representing a person who runs a Child Care Institution or member of the Board or Trust of any non-governmental organisation.

## <u>CONDITIONS FOR TERMINATION/CESSATION OF CHAIRPERSON AND</u> <u>MEMBERS OF CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE:</u>

The appointment of any member of the Committee will be terminated –

i) If he/she has been found guilty of misuse of power vested under this Act, or

- ii) If a Chairperson or Member of the Committee fails to attend the proceedings of Child Welfare Committee or Juvenile Justice Board for a continuous period of three (3) months without any valid reasons, or If he/she fails to attend less than three-fourth of the sittings of the Board / Committee in a year, his/her selection will automatically cease and the position will be treated as a vacancy.
- iii) If it is brought to the knowledge of the Selection Committee or the Government that the qualifications, experience and eligibility of a member of the Committee / Board so appointed does not conform to the qualification and experience prescribed in the Act and the Rules as prescribed by Government, the Selection Committee shall after due inquiry and on establishment of such fact, declare the appointment of such member as null and void and recommend the name of the next person from the list of names prepared for filling vacancies as per Rules.
- iv) Any false claim about qualifications/credibility/ achievements, shall entail rejection of candidature for Child Welfare Committee/Juvenile Justice Board and be debarred from being co-opted for any activity/ program in the Department of Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens for a period of 10 years. Government reserves the right to cancel the selection of Chairperson or member of Child Welfare Committee or member of Juvenile Justice Board if any such fact comes to notice of the Government at any time and such person shall also be debarred for 10 years.
- v) If any complaint is made against a Chairperson or member of the Committee, the State Government shall hold an inquiry and if necessary, suspend the person immediately pending inquiry. The inquiry shall be completed within a period of two months and the State Government may take appropriate action within one month of completion of the inquiry.
- vi) No Chairperson or member of the Committee shall be removed without holding an inquiry by the State Government and until that person has been given an opportunity of being heard in the matter.
- vii) If a criminal case is registered against the Chairperson or member concerned, if necessary the Government may suspend the concerned Chairperson or member, immediately pending inquiry, for such term as appropriate, or after holding an inquiry and giving an opportunity of being heard in the matter.

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