

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Embassy of the United States of America
Freetown, Sierra Leone

VACANCY No: 075-2015

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates within and Outside of the Embassy

POSITION: Administrative Assistant, FSN-06/ FP-08

OPENING DATE: November 30, 2015

CLOSING DATE: December 14, 2015

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week (Monday-Friday)

SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-08
*Ordinarily Resident (OR): FSN Grade 06

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Appendix A) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION

The United States Embassy in Freetown is seeking an individual within or outside of the Mission for the position of Administrative Assistant. The position is located in the Community Liaison Office (CLO) and reports to the Community Liaison Office Coordinator. In the absence of a CLO Coordinator, the position will report to the Management Officer

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

Serves as Administrative Assistant to the Community Liaison Office, ensuring that all non-sensitive administrative functions of the CLO Office are effectively completed. Works alongside an EFM Community Liaison Officer if available at post.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Also, please see appendix C below.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. **Education:** Minimum Two Years of University or College Attendance with an Associate Degree. This could be substituted with years of work experience.
2. **Experience:** Minimum of two years of work experience with diplomatic missions, multinational organizations and/or business involving diverse customer population, advocacy of others and effectively working with officials at all levels of an organization.
3. **English Ability:** English level IV English Language ability in reading, spoken and writing. Language proficiency will be tested.
4. **Other Criteria:** Good knowledge of standard office procedures and operations. Good knowledge of available resources in the local community; good understanding of American culture, and social practices. The ability to plan, organize and coordinate activities; ability to build professional, social and cultural contacts throughout Sierra Leone. Ability to acquire knowledge of CLO Manuals; FLO regulations per 2 FAM 113.7. Within a reasonable period of time.
5. **Other Skills:** Must be proficient in the use of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher. Understanding of how to maintain MS Outlook Express to deal with email exchanges.
6. **Interpersonal Relationship:** Excellent communication, interpersonal relationships and social skills; should be tactful and discreet; must have effective customer service and networking skills. Ability to organize and coordinate activities and to build contacts is required.

SELECTION PROCESS:

When equally qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFM's who hold Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.

5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

TO APPLY:

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); available on the internet at http://freetown.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html OR
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Appendix B); OR
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; PLUS
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

The Human Resources Section
(Application for Admin Assistant to CLO)
Embassy of the United States of America
Southridge, Hill Station
Freetown
FAX: 232-76-515-355
Email: HRFreetown@state.gov

NOTE: Only short listed applicants will be contacted

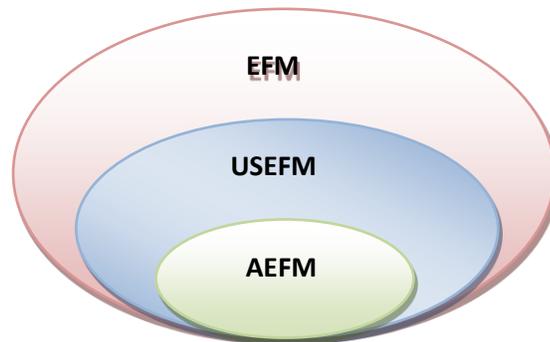
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The U.S. Mission in Freetown, Sierra Leone provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel

operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

APPENDIX A DEFINITIONS



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.- citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. Eligible Family Member (EFM): An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:
 - Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610);
 - Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
 - Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
 - Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:
 - U.S. Citizen; and,
 - EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
 - Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of

assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or

2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

5. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including

U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

APPENDIX B

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References

APPENDIX C
COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION - ADMIN ASSISTANT TO CLO OFFICE

Serves as a resource person for the Mission in providing services, guidance, suggestions, and suitable referral based on sound knowledge of and familiarity with the mission and community resources.

Gathers information or material for CLO events and the Mission newsletter.

Contributes to the drafting of the community newsletter for biweekly publication.

Create flyers for future events. Assist with event planning and carrying out events such as Holiday parties, Embassy Boat excursion tours, Town Hall events, etc.

Answer incoming calls, greet and assist visitors with material available in the office. Takes messages and assists callers when the CLO Coordinator is out of the office and refers inquires when necessary to the Coordinator.

Updates events on the CLO SharePoint site on a weekly basis, or more often as events warrant .

Incumbent is responsible to update and maintain the welcome packages under the supervision of the Management Officer of CLO (if available). Assist with drafting News Letters. Sends Welcome to Sierra Leone brochure to newcomers (TDY and D-H Americans),

Performs other administrative functions with minimal supervision such as coordinating activities, gathering data for various CLO reports to FLO, etc.

Assists the CLO in the retail price survey and update the post report. Updates other reports as may be assigned.

Maintains a "check-out" system for the CLO Library.

****Note: This position description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by incumbent. Incumbent will be required to perform other duties as assigned by the agency.**