



**Vacancy Announcement  
U.S. Embassy  
Monrovia, Liberia**

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 12-03**

**OPEN TO:** ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES  
(Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply)

**POSITION:** **Financial Assistant, FSN-08**

**OPENING DATE:** January 31, 2012

**CLOSING DATE:** February 13, 2012

**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** \*\*Ordinarily Resident (OR): \$14,809 per annum starting salary (Position Grade: FSN-08)  
\*Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-06 (to be confirmed by Washington)

**NOTE: ALL NON-LIBERIAN APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS ALLOWING WORK IN COUNTRY BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

The U.S. Embassy is seeking an individual for the position of **Financial Assistant** within the Financial Management Section.

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:**

Is the accountant and expert voucher examiner for State's Program, INL and Public Diplomacy allotments and provides substantial input for related budgets. As part of the voucher examining responsibilities, prepares complicated travel vouchers for all agencies' personnel. He/she serves as backup in maintaining the Embassy's accounts receivable for POVs, telephone bills and inter-agencies receivables.

**MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- As the accountant for State Program, INL and PDA allotments, utilizes the computerized Momentum (RFMS) system to input advice of allotments, obligations/deobligations and prepares and input journal vouchers as necessary. Computes and establishes mandatory recurring obligations and constantly monitors funds usage relative to the budget and fulfillment of the allotment's objectives. Reports on projected shortfalls or excesses.
- As an expert voucher examiner for State Program, INL and PDA allotments, audits difficult and complex invoices from purchases orders to contracts to ensure that all is in accordance with agreements made and with appropriate regulations.
- Includes complicated transportation and travel vouchers whose varied routings, for example, must be assessed. Utilizes the payment module of the computerized Momentum (RFMS) system to process audited voucher payments. As part of his/her responsibility, uses the E2 software to prepare travel claims for all the travelers at post as well as audit related documentations.
- Performs special projects as assign and as back up to other positions as necessary.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Satisfactory completion of Bachelor degree is required. Completion of some commercial subjects (e.g., Bookkeeping, Accounting) is highly desirable.
2. Three years in voucher examining, accounting and related fiscal work; including six months experience as voucher examiner and accountant for US government agencies.

3. Instruction on guidelines listed on 16b. On the-job training and formal training on E2 Software, and the Momentum (RFMS) system for accounting and vouchering will be required.
4. Level III (fluent) English is required.
5. Must have the ability to comprehend and apply to the voucher examining process detailed regulations and procedures pertaining to work at this level. Must have tact and ability to explain clearly and convincingly the rationales for disallowances and collections relating to such cases as travel and household effects shipments. Typing at level 1 (less than 40 wpm).

**A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office, (231) 777-054824) and at <http://monrovia.usembassy.gov/vacancies.html>.**

#### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

When fully qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and US Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically 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 Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a 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 candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); **or**
2. 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; **or**
3. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (*see section 3A below for more information*); **plus**
4. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional US 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.

3A. 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

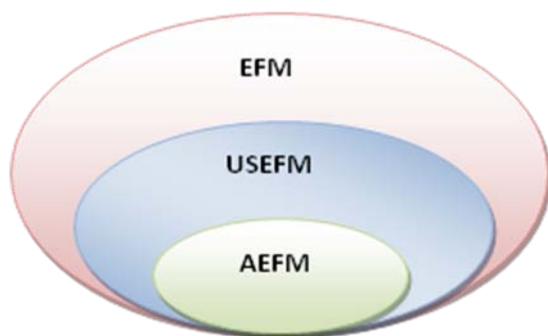
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Date and Place of Birth
- G. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- H. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- I. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- J. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- K. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide
- L. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class/Type
- M. Days available to work
- N. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- O. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- P. Education
- Q. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- R. Language Skills
- S. Work Experience
- T. References

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

Human Resources Office  
 Attention: **Financial Assistant**  
 American Embassy  
 P. O. Box 98  
 1000 Monrovia 10 Liberia

*Drop in application box at Gate #3  
 The Universal Application Form (DS-174) can be picked up at Gate 3 or the Human Resources Office or accessed on line.*

**DEFINITIONS**



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

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a US 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. **US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- US 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:
  - 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
  - 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 US Citizen.

4. **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 US Social Security Number (SSN).

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

5. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or US 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 US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: (February 13, 2012)**

*The US Mission in Monrovia 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.*

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