



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

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 06-12

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

POSITION: **INFORMATION ASSISTANT, FSN-08 (Entry and Training Level) – full grade of position FSN-09, *FP-05**

OPENING DATE: February 09, 2012

CLOSING DATE: February 23, 2012

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-05 (to be confirmed by Washington)
**Ordinarily Resident (OR): \$14,809 per annum starting salary

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 **INFORMATION ASSISTANT** within the Public Diplomacy Section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

Under the supervision of the Senior Support Specialist and the Public Affairs Officer (PAO), the incumbent is the primary person responsible for information outreach initiatives for the US Embassy, including press events, media related training, media professional exchanges and other ECA/IIP programs as relevant. The incumbent is the key advisor to the Public Affairs Officer, and sometimes the Front Office, on Liberian trends reflected in the media and how to best get the US message out to Liberians. Incumbent assists in the reporting of advisories, press releases and cable reporting.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Liaises with Liberia media; print, radio, television; in order to advise the PAO on trends and developments to strategize how the US can best put out its message or how to promote the development of free media in Liberia.
- Manages ECA, FPC, ARS Paris, and IIP programs/resources dedicated to the media (coordinating with the ECA Assistant)
- Liaises with the Liberian Ministry of Information and other Ministries' Public Affairs Offices to coordinate joint activities.
- Organizes and manages press conferences and events for the Ambassador, other sections of the Embassy and VIP visits.
- Drafts press releases, media advisories, talking points and cables/reports as assigned.
- Daily press summary; analyzes the media stories daily, writes a summary of trends and important headlines for the Embassy.

- On a daily basis, secures, and reviews Washington file (INFOCENTRAL) and selects articles for dissemination to the press.
- Clips articles and makes tapes of programs, and summarizes those regarding the Ambassador's public diplomacy activities.
- Develops a filing system for storage of newspapers to ensure easy access and reference.
- Establishes and nurtures relationship with both PUL and other news media; regularly providing them with information on U.S. Policy.
- Drafts media reaction.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A college degree in Liberal Arts, Political Science, Economics, Journalism, International Relations or related fields is required. Specialized training in press and publications, writing, radio, TV, VTR and motion pictures is required.
2. Five (5) years progressively responsible experiences in the communication media as a journalist or radio broadcaster are required. Experience as an audio-visual specialist or computer specialist will be considered if work has been carry out with media organization.
3. Level IV (fluent) in written and spoken English. Level five English would be an advantage.
4. Thorough knowledge and understanding of the Liberia's media, social, political and economic institutions and processes. General knowledge of the U.S., U.S. policies and U.S. social, political and economic institutions and processes. Understanding of and competence in Public Diplomacy Programming.
5. Ability to establish necessary rapport with key media contacts and interpret their attitudes and actions in order to perform work requirements in a satisfactory manner. Ability to establish priorities to set and meet deadlines. Clear and concise writing skills for drafting and editing.

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

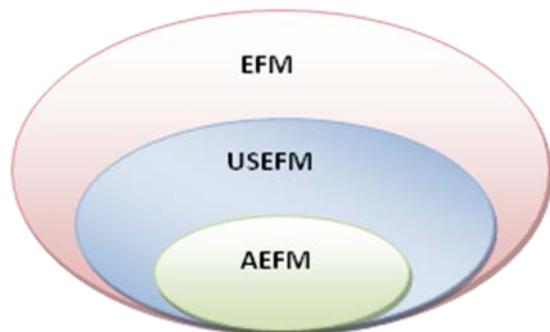
SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Human Resources Office
Attention: **Information 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 access 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.
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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 23, 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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