

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

American Embassy Nouakchott

OPEN TO: US Citizen Appointment Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) – All Agencies
POSITION: Consular Assistant
GRADE FP-7*
OPENING DATE: Monday, June 10, 2013
CLOSING DATE: Monday, June 24, 2013
WORK HOURS: up to full-time; 40 hours/week
SALARY: (available once FP grade is confirmed by Washington)

NOTE: ONLY APPOINTMENT ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS (AEFMS) AS DEFINED BELOW OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE MISSION UNDER CHIEF OF MISSION AUTHORITY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION. AN AEFM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE RESIDING IN COUNTRY TO BE CONSIDERED.

The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott is seeking a U.S. Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) for the position of Consular Assistant within the Consular section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

Under the supervision of the Consular Officer, incumbent provides assistance to the Consular section on administrative and operational duties, including budgets and reporting. Incumbent takes an active assistance role in providing American Citizen Services, facilitating the resolution of visa issues, and special consular services as the need arises. Incumbent assists with customer service issues and public inquiries, basic office and administrative functions, and fraud prevention activities.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

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

- 1) Must be a U.S. citizen with a Top secret clearance or ability to obtain one.
- 2) University degree in Business Administration or Liberal Arts, Foreign Language, International Relations, International Affairs, Literature, Psychology and Sociology is required.
- 3) Level IV (4) Fluent Speaking/Reading/Writing in English is required.
- 4) Two (2) years experience in a consular environment, customer service related position or work applying regulatory material is required
- 5) Excellent computer skills to include knowledge of the Internet, standard word processing, and spreadsheet applications. Must have the ability to type 40 WPM.

If the selectee does not qualify at the full performance level (Washington makes the grade determination for all AEFMs and EFM's based on education and experience), he/she will enter at a lower grade level and will receive an upgrade after one year.

SELECTION PROCESS:

After an initial screening, qualified candidates will be invited for an oral and written assessment, followed by an interview.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

- 1) Management will consider issues such as conflict of interest, nepotism and budget in determining successful candidacy.
- 2) Currently employed AEFMs who hold an FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
- 3) When equally qualified, American family members (AEFM's) of Mission employees who are also US Veterans will be given first preference.
- 4) If applicable to the position, successful candidate **must** be able to obtain the required security clearance.

TO APPLY:

Interested candidates for this position should submit the following:

1. Letter of Application
2. DS-174 Application Form or a current resume or curriculum vitae that includes information requested on the DS-174 (the Employment Form DS-174 is also available at: <http://mauritania.usembassy.gov/employment.html>); plus
3. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position listed above.
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.

DELIVER APPLICATION to the front gate application deposit box at the Embassy guard reception with announcement number "**JAE#07-13**" on the envelope; or mail it to the following address:

American Embassy Nouakchott

P. O. Box. 222
Nouakchott, Mauritania
Tel: **45-25-26-60**

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OTHER MARKINGS BESIDES THE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER AND THE EMBASSY ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE

POINT OF CONTACT:

Human Resources Office
Telephone: **45-25-26-60 ext: 4475, 4488 or 4718**
Fax: **45-25-15-92**

DEFINITIONS

AEFM: A type of EFM that is eligible for direct hire employment on either a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or Temporary Appointment (TEMP) provided s/he meets all of the following criteria:

- US citizen
- Spouse or child who is at least 18 years of age;
- Listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority;

- Is resident at the sponsoring employee's or uniform service member's post of assignment abroad, approved safehaven abroad, or alternate safehaven abroad; and
 - Does not receive a USG annuity or pension based on a career in the US Civil or Foreign services.
1. EFM: Family Members at least 18 years of age listed on the travel orders of a Foreign of Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed to a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority who do not meet the definition of AEFM above.
 2. Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is a person who: 1) Has accompanied, but is not/not on the travel orders of a U.S. citizen Foreign or Civil Service employee or uniform service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad; 2) Has been declared by the sponsoring employee to the Chief of Mission as part of his/her household; and 3) Resides at post with the sponsoring employee.
 3. Ordinarily Resident (OR): A citizen of the host country or a citizen of another country who has shifted the main residency focus to the host country and has the required work and/or residency permits for employment in country.
 4. Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): Typically NORs are US Citizen EFMs and EFMs of Foreign Service, Civil Service and uniformed service members who are eligible for employment under an American USG pay plan, on the travel orders and under Chief of Mission authority, or other personnel having diplomatic privileges and immunities.

ONLY THOSE WHOSE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WILL BE CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW AND/OR TEST.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: *Open until filled*

The US Mission in Nouakchott 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.

DRAFTED: HR: EBWAH 

CLEARED: SBA 

APPROVED: MC: MZADVA 