

U.S. MISSION CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 16-009

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates/All Sources

POSITION: Protocol Clerk, FSN-4; FP-AA*

OPENING DATE: March 24, 2016

CLOSING DATE: April 7, 2016

WORK HOURS: Part-time; 20 hours/week (job share)

SALARY: Ordinarily Resident (OR): FSN-4
Not-Ordinarily-Resident (NOR): FP-AA*
*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington.

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

The U.S. Mission in Chisinau, Moldova is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position of Protocol Clerk in the Protocol Office.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Under the direction of the Office Management Specialist and with day-to-day guidance from the Senior Protocol Assistant and Protocol Assistant, the jobholder provides clerical support on protocol matters related to the Ambassador, Deputy Chief of Mission, their spouses and other mission officials. This support includes secretarial responsibilities, such as answering the telephone, providing simple translation of routine invitations and correspondence and undertaking logistical arrangements.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

1. **EDUCATION:** Completion of high school is required.
2. **EXPERIENCE:** A minimum of six months of clerical or secretarial work experience in an office or customer service setting is required.
3. **LANGUAGE:** Level IV (Fluency) Speaking/Reading/Writing of English and Romanian are required. Level III (Good Working Knowledge) Speaking/Reading/Writing of Russian is required. *This will be tested.*
4. Must deal effectively, professionally, and tactfully with a broad range of people at different levels within the Embassy, the Moldovan Government, and with Moldovan citizens contacting the Embassy.
5. Must have excellent computer skills and knowledge of email, word processing, spreadsheet and database software packages such as Microsoft Windows, Office, Word and Outlook. *This will be tested.* Must have the ability to learn to input data into a Microsoft Access database program.

6. Must have a basic understanding of the functions of a diplomatic mission. Must have the capacity to develop over time a solid understanding of Moldova's political, economic and social structure and institutions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained on our website at <http://moldova.usembassy.gov/vacancies.html> and/or by contacting the Human Resources Office at ChisinauHR@state.gov or tel. 022-40-8300.

SELECTION PROCESS: When qualified, applicants who are U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and/or preference-eligible U.S. Veterans are given a preference in hiring. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants make themselves known as having a hiring preference and specifically address the required qualifications above in their application.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) USEFM who is ALSO a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (2) USEFM OR a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (3) FS on LWOP

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.
2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.
3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a post-issued employment suitability clearance.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) ([Form DS-174](#)), which is available on our website or by contacting Human Resources. (See "For Further Information" above); **and**
2. Completed and enclosed Supplemental Narrative Form (see the final page of this vacancy announcement); **and**
3. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, etc.); **and**
4. Copies of valid residence and work permits in accordance with host government laws and regulations (if applicable).

IMPORTANT: Applicants claiming a U.S. Veteran's preference must submit written documentation confirming eligibility (e.g., Member Copy 4 of Form DD-214, Letter from the Veteran's Administration, or certification documenting eligibility under the VOW Act with an expected discharge no later than 120 days after the certification is submitted) by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veteran's preference will not be considered in the application process. Specific

criteria for receiving a U.S. Veteran's preference may be found in HR/OE's Family Member Employment Policy (FMEP).

WHERE TO APPLY: Please submit only one application.

Human Resources Office

Mailing Address: U.S. Embassy, 103 A. Mateevici Str., Chisinau, Moldova, MD-2009

FAX Number: (022) 23-30-44

E-mail Address: ChisinauHR@state.gov. Please indicate the position title in the subject line.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission 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

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An EFM for employment purposes is defined an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610); **or**
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term “child” shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **or**
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; **or**
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner 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; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Is under Chief of Mission authority.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): A USEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee’s post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; **or**
- resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; **or**
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority; **and**
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and** Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria.

- A MOH is someone who accompanies or joins a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- A MOH must be officially declared to the COM by the sponsoring employee as part of his/her household; and
- A MOH is under COM authority;
- A MOH may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative, or adult child;
- A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen;
- A MOH is **not** an EFM; A MOH is **not** listed on the travel orders or approved Form F-126 of a sponsoring employee.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

**Supplemental Narrative Form
Protocol Clerk, FSN-4; FP-AA***

Name:

Date:

INSTRUCTIONS: Please use the right side column to explain in detail how you meet the qualification for this vacancy announcement. This information will be used to determine if you meet the required qualifications for this position. Information provided on the Supplemental Narrative Form **must match** information provided on the Universal Application for Employment (DS-174).

<i>Qualification requirements</i>	<i>My qualifications and how they meet the vacancy announcement requirements.</i>
EDUCATION: Completion of high school is required.	
EXPERIENCE: A minimum of six months of clerical or secretarial work experience in an office or customer service setting is required.	
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