The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Nigeria is pleased to announce the annual call for applications for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program in Yoruba for the 2014/2015 academic year. The FLTA program is a nine-month non-degree program funded by the U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C., and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in New York.

Deadline: Please note that the STRICT deadline for submitting online application and all supplementary documents is Saturday, June 1, 2013 by 12 noon.

Purpose: The FLTA program is designed to offer young foreign teachers an opportunity to teach Yoruba language and culture to American students in universities and colleges. The program also gives an opportunity for participants to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States by engaging in non-degree studies while strengthening the instruction of foreign languages at U.S. colleges and universities.

Becoming a participant carries with it a great responsibility. Along with their studies, participants teach language courses, supervise language labs and lead language table discussions. They may also act as resource persons in conversation groups, cultural representatives, attendants in language laboratories, coordinators of extra-curricular activities, guest speakers in civilization courses, head's of language clubs, houses, tables and much more.

Grant Benefit: The grant covers the grantees round trip airfare to the U.S., a settling-in allowance, monthly stipend, housing allowance, health insurance, and tuition scholarship for their coursework. Provisions will be made for participants to attend a Fulbright FLTA Summer Orientation in the United States prior to beginning their program. During the FLTA program, fellows are also invited to participate in special Fulbright enrichment seminar and conference for professional development and networking opportunity.

Note: The grant does not cover travel of family members; hence grantees will not be allowed to travel with spouse and children or relatives to the United States even at their own expense.

Field of Study: Competition is open to applicants who major in English Language, English Education or Linguistics.

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for a grant:
- Applicants must be citizens or nationals of Nigeria, or permanent residents holding a valid passport issued by the government of Nigeria. He or she must be residing in the country at the time of application
- Applicants must be no younger than 21 and no older than 29 years at the time of application
- Applicants must be graduates who have received their bachelor degree in English language, English Education or Linguistics
- Applicants must have at least a credit in Yoruba language in WAEC/NECO
- Applicants must have an outstanding academic record and high level of English proficiency as demonstrated by a minimum score of 90 in the Internet Based TOEFL test. Selected candidates will be registered for this standardized test
- Applicants must be teachers of English Language in Nigerian
secondary schools, colleges or universities. Proven years of teaching experience are mandatory
- Applicants must have the endorsement of their employer
- Applicants must have an in-depth knowledge of Yoruba culture and current events in Nigeria. They must have sincere interest in teaching Yoruba language and culture to students in the U.S.
- Applicants must have leadership skills and the ability to motivate students in an emphatic manner
- Applicants must clearly demonstrate maturity, dependability, creativity, professionalism, flexibility, and a willingness to learn
- Applicants must be ready to become a cultural ambassador interested in meeting people and becoming part of community events and campus activities
- Applicants must have high motivation and a serious commitment to completing the program as scheduled and to returning home
- The FLTA program seeks applicants that have developed a sense of personal integrity and are original thinkers. Applicants that are found to have plagiarized in their application will be disqualified

Application and Instructions: The application and instructions can be found at http://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/
- Applicants should log onto the website, enter an e-mail address and create a password. Please remember this password because it will be used throughout the application process.
- Applicants are strongly advised to read the instructions preceding the application carefully.
- All applicants must fill out the application forms completely and attach their supporting documents online (3 letters of references, Curriculum Vitae, academic transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended and writing samples.)
- Essays should address the program goals and include future plans of teaching English language in Nigeria.

Note: The Fulbright program is a popular program, the Public Affairs Section will ONLY NOTIFY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES.

Complete Application:

A complete application includes:
1. An online application which includes:
   - a clearly written objective including reasons for applying and long term career goals (essay approximately 350 words)
   - non-academic interests and course interest (essay approximately 350 words)
   - methodologies and techniques for teaching Yoruba language (essay 350 words)
   - sharing Yoruba culture by selecting a scenarios with applicants unique ideas (essay approximately 350 words)
   - personal statement to include personal history, interest and future plans (essay approximately 450 words)

2. Three letters of references submitted by referees who know the applicants very well.
3. Official academic transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended should be scanned and attached to the online application; (official paper transcripts should also be sent at a later date)
4. TOEFL score report.
5. Biodata page of valid international passport (uploaded with application submitted online)

NOTE: Hard copies of official academic transcripts and other supplementary documents should be forwarded to our office by regular mail. Please address the envelope to:
Fulbright FLTA Program Assistant, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Consulate General, 2 Walter Carrington Crescent, Victoria Island, Lagos.
For more information, please check the program website at http://flta.fulbrightonline.org

Enquiries: Applicants with specific questions not addressed by the online application instructions may e-mail them to Culturallagos@state.gov
Applicants should please indicate FLTA in the subject line of email messages.

We look forward to receiving applications from your institution in a timely manner.

Thank you,
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