



United States Mission to the United Nations



U.S. Department of State New York, NY

Announcement No: USUN-2013-0003

Position Title: Secretary (OA)

Office and Location: Political Affairs Section

Type of Position: Excepted Appointment

Series and Grade: GG-318-7

Salary Range: \$43,738 - \$56,863

Promotion Potential: NONE

Opening Date: 02/04/2013

Closing Date: 02/11/2013

Supervisory: No

Number of Position: 1

Security Clearance Required: If selected must be able to obtain and maintain Top Secret Security Clearance

Area of consideration: USUN ALL SOURCES

Comments: This is an Excepted Service position covered by the United Nations Participation Act of 1945. Pursuant to the United Nations Participation Act, appointment to this position is made "without regard to the civil-service laws" which means that selectee is not covered by many of the civil service laws that apply to civil service employees. The U.S. Mission will consider all completed applications and refer the best qualified candidates.

"You are encouraged to read the entire announcement before you submit your application package. Your applications may not get full consideration if you do not follow the instructions as outlined."

Your completed application must be received in this office by 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the closing date or postmarked by the closing date.

Key Requirements:

U.S. Citizenship Required.

Selective Service Registration is required for males born after 12/31/1959.

Background and/or Security Investigation Required.

Selectee must serve one year probationary period.

Relocation Expenses will not be paid.

PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT: Applicant must be able to type 40 words per minute with 3 or fewer errors. Applicant must indicate their typing speed/error rate on their application. Failure to list typing speed/error rate might preclude and applicant's employment consideration.

DUTIES: The position is located in the Political Affairs Section of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. The incumbent will serve as a secretary performing secretarial and administrative duties in connection with the office. This entails receiving all correspondence for the office and personally responding to those not requiring the supervisor's attention; Screening all

correspondence prepared for the supervisor's signature for clarity, completeness of reply and grammatical and procedural correctness. Maintaining calendar, schedules appointments and conferences and cancelling and rescheduling appointments as necessary. Makes arrangements for meetings by reserving space, setting the specific time, and contacting all personnel expected to attend. Make travel arrangements for supervisor and/or staff. Maintains records of travel itineraries and prepares necessary travel authorizations. Maintains records of action documents and projects and follows up on work in progress in accordance with a regular schedule. Keeps supervisor informed of signature developments and the status of major projects.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicant must have one (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lowest grade level (GS/GG-6) in the Federal service. Specialized experience is defined as experience providing secretarial, administrative and clerical support to one or more individuals or organization. This experience includes serving as the principal office support performing duties such as keeping appointment calendars, arranging meetings, preparing documents, establishing files and records, etc.

Eligibility will be determined by the relevance, scope and quality of all experience and training, regardless of where or how acquired. Applicants will be ranked and rated based on their knowledge of the job elements identified in this announcement. Current USG employees should submit a copy of their latest performance appraisal and SF-50.

How You Will Be Evaluated: Once the job opportunity announcement closes, a review of your resume and supporting documentation will be made and compared against your responses to the assessment questions below to determine if you are qualified for this job. If, after reviewing your resume and supporting documentation, a determination is made that you have inflated your response when compared to your background information, your score may be adjusted to more accurately reflect your skills and abilities. Please follow all instructions carefully. Errors or omission may affect your eligibility.

1. Serves as a liaison for the purpose of conveying information.
2. Creates and formats documents, cuts and pastes text, adds headers and footer, and use spell-grammar check.
- 3 Prepares technical and routine correspondence.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER PLEASE ADDRESS EACH ASSESSMENT QUESTION- To receive maximum consideration, applicants should submit a narrative description of your experience, education, training, outside activities and awards related to each of the assessment questions above. Please include beginning and ending dates for paid and non-paid work experience, hours worked per week, month and year of employment for each job listed.

APPLICATIONS THAT ARE SUBMITTED WITHOUT ADDRESSING EACH QUESTION, ARE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETED AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

This appointment will require completion of a one-year probationary period. During this time period, employee's conduct and performance will be monitored in order to determine if employee will be retained.

The U.S. Mission to the United Nations is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Candidates will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status,

age, political affiliation, union or non-union affiliation, sexual orientation, disability, or any other non-merit factors.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Office of Employee Relations, "Disability/Reasonable Accommodations Division, at (202) 261-8173. The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be on a case-by-case basis.

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HOW TO APPLY

You may apply for advertised vacancies with a resume, the Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), or any other written format you choose. Although we do not specify the format in which information is presented or require the use of any particular application form, there is certain information that we must have to determine if you meet the legal requirements for Federal employment and to evaluate your qualifications for a specific vacancy. If your application package does not provide all the information requested, you will lose consideration for the job.

Fax applications to the Human Resources Unit (212) 415-4393. For questions about this job contact Denise Nash at (212) 415-4143.

JOB INFORMATION

In order to apply for USUN vacancies all applicants must provide the information outlined below:

1. Announcement number you are applying.
2. Title and grade (s) of the position for which you are applying.

PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

1. Full name, mailing address (with zip code) and day and evening phone numbers, including area code
2. Social Security Number
3. Country of citizenship
4. Veterans' preference (proof of eligibility required)
5. Highest Federal civilian grade held, incl. series, beginning and ending dates
6. Name, city and state of last high school attended and date of diploma or GED
7. Name and state of college and universities attended major fields of study, type and year of any degrees received (if no degree, show total number of credits earned and indicate whether they are in quarter or semester hours).

Applicants with foreign education must submit an evaluation of their course work by an organization recognized for accreditation or by an accredited U.S. College or university.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

In addition, applicants must provide information on their work experience, both paid and non-paid, that is related to the position for which they are applying, including:

1. Job title (series and grade if Federal employment)
2. Duties and accomplishments
3. Employers' name and address
4. Supervisor's name and telephone number (indicate if we may contact your current supervisor)
5. Starting and ending dates of employment(month and year)
6. Hours worked per week
7. Salary
8. Any other qualification, including *job related*: training (title and date of course); skills (e.g., languages, typing speed, tools, machinery, computer software/hardware); current licenses; or honors, awards and special accomplishments (e.g., honor societies, publications)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. All current Federal employees and reinstatement eligible **must submit a current performance appraisal** and a SF-50 showing proof of status. (If a current performance appraisal does not exist, a form DS-1966 (Applicant Appraisal) or equivalent form from another agency, signed by the current supervisor is acceptable, or if the performance appraisal of record does not fully address the ranking factors, the DS-1966 may be submitted.)
2. All non-competitive eligible *must submit* proof of eligibility.
3. All applicants claiming veterans' preference **must provide** proof of eligibility.
4. All other applicants (non-status) **must** submit information identified above.
5. For maximum consideration all applicants **should** submit information that addresses the ranking factors on the front of this announcement.

6. For an electronic copy of this vacancy announcement and OF-612 Federal Application, see the U.S. Mission to the UN SharePoint Site.

APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE INCOMPLETE OR MAILED IN POSTAGE-PAID GOVERNMENT ENVELOPES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE CLOSING DATE AND ARRIVE IN USUN/PER BY COB ON THE FIFTH WORKING DATE AFTER THE CLOSING DATE. ALL MATERIAL SUBMITTED WOULD BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WHERE TO APPLY

ADDRESS APPLICATIONS TO: U.S. Mission to the United Nations, 799 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017, Attn: Denise Nash, Human Resources Specialist, Room 1227B, Telephone (212) 415-4143 or FAX 212-415-4393, E-mail address: USUNNYHRO1@STATE.GOV

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

The Office of Personnel Management and other Federal agencies rate applicants for Federal jobs under the authority of sections 1104, 1302, 3301, 3304, 3320, 3361, 3393, and 3394 of title 5 of the United States Code. We need the information requested to evaluate your qualifications. Other laws require us to ask.