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THE UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM FOR LIBERIA

(UCL) SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

May 22, 2018

1:00 Registration Program 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

@THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA FENDELL CAMPUS

Agenda

- 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. REGISTRATION
- 1:00 P.M. – 1:05 P.M. WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA
MAMAWA FREEMAN-MOORE,
DIRECTOR HONORS PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA
- 1:05 P.M. – 1:10 P.M. DR. JOSEPH ISAAC, PRESIDENT, AMEU
- 1:05 P.M. – 1:15 P.M. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND PURPOSE

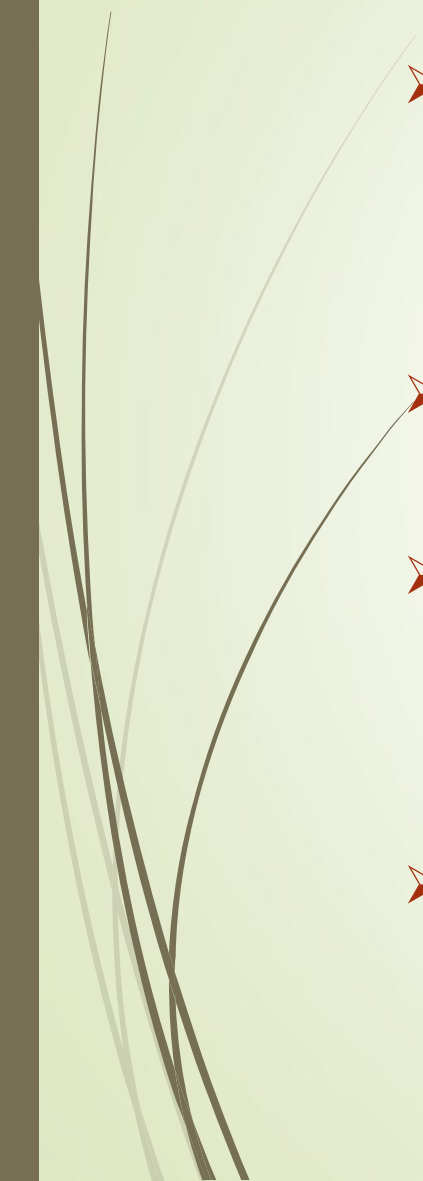
**CYNTHIA BLANDFORD, HONORARY CONSUL
GENERAL REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, GEORGIA, PRESIDENT AND BOARD
CHAIR UCL**
- 1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. UCL STUDENT TESTIMONIAL, UCL SCHOLARSHIP ORIENTATION
AND INFORMATION

SAKI T. GOLAFLE, PHD CANDIDATE CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
- 2:15 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**MATILDA ARHIN, PRESIDENT, GHANA INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE – ATLANTA, GEORGIA, UCL CONSULTANT**
- 3:00 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
- 3:45 P.M. – 3:50 P.M. SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA
SAKI GOLAFLE
- 3:50 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. WRAP UP AND CLOSING REMARKS
CYNTHIA BLANDFORD, PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR UCL



ABOUT

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- The University Consortium for Liberia (UCL) was established in 2009 by the Honorary Consul General Republic of Liberia (UCL)
 - UCL became a 501c3 non-profit organization in 2015
 - The scholarship program is open to Liberian students and/or students of Liberian descent pursuing a post-secondary education at a U.S. College or University.
 - Priority will be given to students applying to a UCL college/university considered Institutional Partners, Georgia Tech, Emory University, CAU, Morehouse College, University of Georgia, others



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - GUIDELINES

- UCL is a Higher Education Program
- The applicant is applying to or has been accepted into an academic program of study pursuing an undergraduate, graduate or Ph.D. program
- Student must be Liberian or of Liberian descent
- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and submit an Academic Transcript
- Field of Study: Any Field of Study
- Complete the UCL Scholarship Application
- Deadline extended until July 31, 2018

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - GUIDELINES

- Provide 2 letters of Recommendation from any of the following: College Professor, Community Member/Faith Leader, or Current/Former Employer or Government Leader. (The writer of your letter(s) of recommendation should address Leadership Abilities and Potential)
- Letters of Recommendation should be e-mailed to the scholarship address with their name, contact info, and academic institution. The subject line should be 'Student Name' Reference Letter.
- Scholarship recipients who received a scholarship in the previous year, can apply annually.
- Copy of Passport must accompany application for international students and a copy of the F1 visa must accompany the application.




Essentials of U.S. Scholarship Applications

- Read the application instructions carefully
- Think about what you are going to write
- Begin with an outline/brainstorm
- Make sure your outline checks every box
- Make sure you address every aspect of the application
- Use clear, concise and simple language
- Make sure your grammar and spelling are perfect
- Read the application questions again and make sure you address them
- Proofread!
- Put the application into perspective and appropriate context

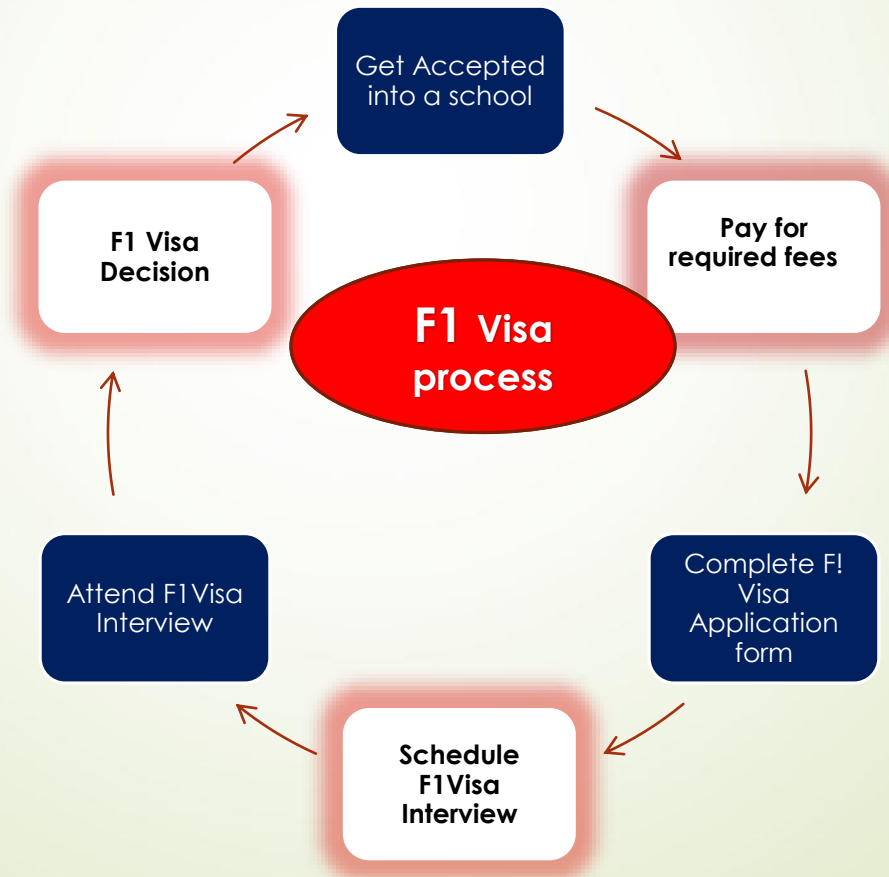


Going the Extra Mile

- Have a clear/guiding idea
 - Answer the underlying questions
 - Make it stand out by being uniquely “you”
 - Use a positive emphasis
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F1 Visa Process

Any international student wanting to study in the USA will need to obtain a student visa for the USA.





F1 Visa



Be Accepted at an SEVP Approved School	Before you can apply for your F-1 student visa for the USA, you must apply to and be accepted by a school approved by the SEVP.	
Pay your SEVIS Fee and Receive your I-20	Once you're accepted, you will be required to pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee in order to be enrolled in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Then, your school will provide you with a Form I-20. This form will be presented to the consular officer when you attend your F-1 visa interview.	



F1 Visa

Complete the Visa Application

Applying for the F-1 student visa may vary depending on the U.S. embassy or consulate you are dealing with. Bring Form DS-160 your F-1 visa interview.

Schedule and Prepare for your Interview

Schedule your F-1 visa interview with the U.S. embassy or consulate. You will only be able to enter the US with an F-1 visa 30 days before your start date.

A valid passport
The Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-160
The application fee payment receipt
A passport photo
A Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status (Form I-20)



F1 Visa




Attend your F-1 Visa Interview

Your F-1 visa interview will determine whether you are qualified to receive an F-1 student visa for the USA. Assuming that you have prepared the appropriate documents and meet all of the F-1 visa requirements, your visa will be approved at the discretion of the consular officer. Digital fingerprint scans will be taken for records. Your passport will be taken so that you can get your visa and you will be informed when you can get it back.



F1 Visa Qualifications

- In order to qualify, applicants need to satisfy and prove several strict criteria during an F1 visa interview, including the following:
- Foreign Residence
- F-1 applicants must have a foreign residence and must intend to return there upon the completion of their studies.
- Sponsoring Institution
- While on your F-1 visa, you may only study at the academic institution through which the visa was granted.
- Financial Support
- Applicants must demonstrate sufficient financial support .
- Ties to Home Country
- All applicants must demonstrate that they have strong ties to their home country.
Strong ties consist of, but are not limited to, the following:
- A job offer letter upon completion of studies
- Assets (i.e., house, land, vehicle, etc.)
- Bank accounts
- Family




Florida Memorial University (FMU) Scholarship

Lifting Young Lions Foundation in partnership with NOIYSE and other community partners (Project Outsource Connects (POC), LIFT Education, Joe Beasley Foundation and JUMP Africa) presents a scholarship opportunity for 200 Atlanta area graduating seniors to attend Florida Memorial University (FMU) in Miami, Florida.

Download the FMU application here: http://www.fmuniv.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/FMU_admissions_app_revised_11_28_16.pdf.

Scholarships cover 65% of Tuition, Room and Board for out of state students. Students will need to cover the annual balance of \$4,000/semester.

This event is to aid young scholars in pursuing dreams of attending college and increase enrollment in one of Florida's oldest HBCU's.



Florida Memorial University (FMU) Scholarship

- 3.5 GPA
- F1 Visa
- Foreign Residence
- F-1 applicants must have a foreign residence and must intend to return there upon the completion of their studies.
- Sponsoring Institution
- While on your F-1 visa, you may only study at FMU
- Financial Support
- A job offer letter upon completion of studies
- Assets (i.e., house, land, vehicle, etc.)
- Bank accounts
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Other Information

- U.S. co-signer recommended but not a requirement
 - Social media activities might be checked by the embassy
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