



Results of the 2017 Chinese Bilateral Scholarships Vetting

The Liberian Government, in partnership with the People's Republic of China, offered an opportunity for seven Liberians from the public to benefit from scholarships at the Masters level in the following fields: the sciences, Architectural Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Public Health, Geo-Information System, Civil Engineering, Information Technology, Chemical Engineering, Development Studies, and Mining Engineering.

The Inter-Ministerial Scholarships Committee, based on its Bilateral Scholarships Policy, embarked on a vigorous vetting process. Applications were hand delivered to the Ministry of Education, Office of Scholarships. Twenty-eight applications were received by the deadline of March 27, 2017.

After careful scrutiny, 19 applications were deemed complete, based on a list of required documents: CV, proof of citizenship, diploma, age limit, letter of intent (rationale for degree sought), two letters of recommendation (academic & professional), transcript, research proposal, four passport size photos and medical certificate.

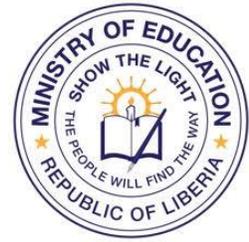
The 19 top candidates were short-listed for a written exam and face-to-face interviews, which all the applicants took at the Ministry of Education. The written exam, including an essay worth 60 points, required the students to highlight the most important thing they would do to change their hometown. The essays were judged for the quality of responses, coherence, relevance, correctness and structure. The face-to-face interviews consisted of a four-person panel from the Inter-Ministerial Scholarships Committee and the Ministry of Education. During the interviews, applicants were judged based on knowledge of the sector chosen, expressed ability to undertake graduate research, attitude, eloquence, eye contact, body language, and dress code.

After the final scores were tabulated based on all elements of the vetting process, 11 candidates met the threshold of 70 percent and above. The top seven candidates were selected, representing the public. The remaining four were placed on the alternative list as per the request of the Chinese Embassy.

Key Government Ministries and Agencies:

The Liberian Government, in partnership with the People's Republic of China, also offered an opportunity for ten Liberians from nine key Government Ministries and Agencies to benefit from scholarships at the Masters level in the same fields as the public.

The Inter-Ministerial Scholarships Committee, based on its Bilateral Scholarships Policy, embarked on a thorough vetting process. Applications were hand-delivered to the Ministry of Education. Six applications were received by the deadline, representing the Ministry of Education, Ministry of State, Ministry of Information and Office of the Vice President. After careful scrutiny, all six



applications were deemed complete based on a list of required documents (CV, birth certificate or passport, diploma, letter of intent, two letters of recommendation, transcript).

The six candidates were short-listed for a written exam and face-to-face interviews, which they all took in the Library and computer lap of the Ministry Education in April 2017. The written exam, including an essay worth 60 points, required the students to highlight the most important thing they would do to change their home town. The essays were judged for the quality of responses, coherence, relevance, correctness and structure. The face-to-face interviews consisted of a four-person panel from the Inter-Ministerial Scholarships Committee and the Ministry of Education. During the interviews, applicants were judged based on knowledge of the sector chosen, expressed ability to undertake graduate research, attitude, eloquence, eye contact, body language, and dress code.

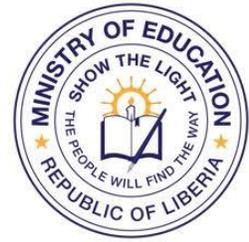
After the final scores were tabulated based on all elements of the vetting exercise, all six of the candidates reached the threshold of 70 percent and above. The ministries/agencies were unable to maintain the 10 slots allotted.

Observations:

The Scholarships Committee noticed several peculiarities during the vetting process. Many candidates did not do well on the written test and fumbled during the oral interviews. It was also noticed that the ministries/agencies did not absorb all the 10 slots allotted to them.

The Inter-Ministerial Scholarships Committee also observed that fewer qualified female candidates applied for the scholarships than the previous year. Additionally, only three female candidates, from both the public and government institutions, proved strong enough to be nominated by the Liberian Government to the Chinese Government, which accounts for 23 percent of the total of 13 nominees, constituting less than the 25 percent quota reserved for high-achieving female candidates, as stipulated in the Bilateral Scholarships Policy.

The committee thanks all those who submitted themselves to the vetting process, and congratulations to all the 2017 China Scholarships finalists.

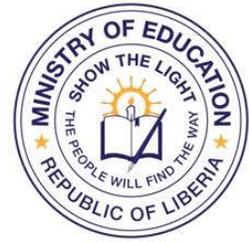


NOMINEES FROM THE PUBLIC

NO.	NAME	SEX	DEGREE EARNED	DEGREE SOUGHT
1	Madison D. Joe	M	BSc. Biology	MSc. Public Health
2	Frank K. Cooper	M	BSc. Geology	MSc. Geo-Technical Engineering
3	Moses G. Shannon	M	BSc. Geology	MSc. Civil Engineering
4	Simmie S. Nyanfor	M	BSc. Biology	MSc. Public Health
5	Kormassah S. Reed	F	BBA Accounting	MA Education Science
6	George S. Sumo	M	BSc. Chemistry	MSc. Geological Engineering
7	Aletha J. Quoi	F	BSc. Agriculture	MSc. Agriculture

NOMINEES FROM GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

NO.	NAME	SEX	DEGREE EARNED	DEGREE SOUGHT	GOV't INSTITUTIONS
1	Kula Pewu	F	N/C	N/C	President's Office
2	Daniel G. Gbowah	M	BBA Accounting	MSc. Financial Management	Vice President Office
3	Francis N. Gayflor	M	BA Sociology	MA Development Studies	Ministry of Information
4	Daowomah Bono	M	BBA Accounting	MSc. Management Science	Ministry of State
5	Josephus Meah	M	N/C	N/C	Ministry of State
6	Uriah C. Kings	M	BSc. Engineering	MSc. Architectural Eng.	Ministry of Education



ALTERNATIVE LIST

No.	Name	Sex	Degree Earned	Degree Sought
1	Mohammed J. Massaley	M	BSc. Civil Engineering	MSc. Civil Engineering
<u>2</u>	Ramsey Roye	M	BBA Accounting	MSc. Development Studies
<u>3</u>	Jashen Wilson	M	BSc. Civil Engineering	MSc. Civil Engineering
<u>4</u>	Yarzue R. Duwah	M	BSc. Agriculture	MSc. Agriculture