

**Statement of Claimant or Other Person—
Medical Resident Federal Insurance
Contributions Act (FICA) Refund
Claims—20 CFR 404.702 and 416.570—
0960–NEW**

Background

A recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ruling allows doctors who worked as medical residents from 1993 through 2005 to consider their residencies to be student training, not employment. Accordingly, these doctors may request a FICA refund from IRS for those years. However, if they choose this option, SSA will remove their earnings for those years from their earnings records, ultimately reducing their Social Security benefits.

Information Collection Description

SSA will conduct outreach with those medical residents (or their survivors, next of kin, representative payees, etc.) who (1) meet the above criteria, (2) are currently entitled to Social Security benefits, and (3) will experience a reduction of their benefits if they request the FICA refund. SSA will call the affected beneficiaries, and explain how accepting the refund would affect their Social Security benefits. We will then mail form SSA–795–OP2 and ask them to confirm or change their decision to receive the FICA refund and have SSA reduce their earnings records accordingly. If SSA cannot first reach the respondents by phone, we will mail them an explanatory letter together with form SSA–795–OP2.

The respondents for this collection are beneficiaries who served as medical residents from 1993 through 2005 and who filed a request with IRS for a FICA refund for those years. The collection is voluntary; if SSA does not receive a response, IRS will assume the original request for a FICA refund stands.

Emergency Clearance

Because IRS is holding the FICA refund payments until we receive confirmation from the respondents of their decision, we are requesting emergency OMB approval for this collection. We will undergo the standard OMB clearance process after receiving emergency approval.

Type of Request: Request for a new information collection.

Number of Respondents: 496.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 4 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33 hours.

Dated: March 28, 2011.

Faye Lipsky,

*Reports Clearance Officer, Center for Reports
Clearance, Social Security Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7392]

**In the Matter of the Review of the
Designation of al-Aqsa Martyrs'
Brigade aka al-Aqsa Martyrs' Battalion
as a Foreign Terrorist Organization
Pursuant to Section 219 of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, As
Amended**

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter pursuant to Section 219(a)(4)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(4)(C)) (“INA”), and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, I conclude that the circumstances that were the basis for the 2004 re-designation of the aforementioned organization as a foreign terrorist organization have not changed in such a manner as to warrant revocation of the designation and that the national security of the United States does not warrant a revocation of the designation.

Therefore, I hereby determine that the designation of the aforementioned organization as a foreign terrorist organization, pursuant to Section 219 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1189), shall be maintained.

This determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 24, 2011.

James B. Steinberg,

Deputy Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7390]

**Bureau of Educational and Cultural
Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant
Proposals: Timor-Leste and South
Pacific Scholarship Programs**

Announcement Type: New
Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/
A/E/EAP–11–03.

Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance Number: 19.011.

Application Deadline: May 12, 2011.

Executive Summary: The Office of
Academic Programs of the Bureau of

Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition to administer the United States Timor-Leste (USTL) Scholarship Program and the United States South Pacific (USSP) Scholarship Program. Eligible applicants may submit a proposal to administer one or both of the scholarship programs. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to organize and carry out academic exchange program activities for approximately ten (10) students, i.e. approximately five (5) from Timor-Leste and five (5) from the sovereign island nations of the South Pacific (eligible nations are listed below in the Overview section). The recipient(s) will be responsible for all aspects of the programs, including publicity and recruitment of applicants; merit-based competitive selection; placement of students at an accredited U.S. academic institution; student travel to the U.S.; orientation; up to four years of U.S. degree study at the bachelor’s or up to three years at the master’s level (including one year of preparatory study); enrichment programming; advising, monitoring and support; pre-return activities; evaluation; and follow-up with program alumni. The duration of the cooperative agreement(s) will be up to five years, beginning approximately on August 1, 2011. These programs will be implemented pending the availability of FY 2011 funds.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87–256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is “to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world.” The funding authority for the program above is provided through legislation.

Purpose: In response to Public Law 103–236, which directed the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) to provide scholarships to students from Timor-Leste and from the sovereign