

UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY (UDP)
NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL FLAGBEARER 2026

1. Call for Applications:

Pursuant to Articles 11(3) (b) and 23 (3) (c) of the Constitution of the UDP, the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the United Democratic Party (UDP) hereby opens the process for the selection of its Presidential Candidate for the 2026 Presidential Election and hereby announces the opening of applications for the position of Party Flagbearer for the 2026 Presidential Election.

2. Qualification for Applicants:

In accordance with the 1997 Constitution of the Republic of The Gambia and the prescribed rules of the United Democratic Party, all interested applicants must meet the following qualifications:

I. Constitutional Requirements:

(As prescribed under Section 62 of the 1997 Constitution of The Gambia)

To be eligible for nomination as President of the Republic, and therefore as the UDP Flagbearer, an applicant:

a. To be eligible, must:

1. Be a citizen of The Gambia by birth or descent;
2. Be at least thirty (30) years old at the time of nomination;
3. Have completed Senior Secondary School education or its equivalent;
4. Be a registered voter in The Gambia;
5. Have been ordinarily resident in The Gambia for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the election;
6. Be qualified to be elected as a member of the National Assembly.

b. Disqualification applies to anyone who:

1. Holds dual citizenship;
2. Has been declared bankrupt;
3. Has been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty or fraud in the past 10 years;
4. Has been declared of unsound mind;
5. Holds any public office or is a member of a disciplined force, unless they have resigned at least six (6) months before the election. (This provision will apply after selection where applicable)

II. The Party (UDP) Requirements:

(As per prescribed rules for the selection of the UDP Presidential Candidate)

In addition to national requirements, a prospective Flagbearer must:

1. Be a card-carrying member of the UDP in good standing for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years;
2. Demonstrate loyalty to the UDP and commitment to its principles and Values;

3. Submit a statement of Vision and Quick Impact Agenda for The Gambia – First 100 Days in office (Max. 5 pages);
4. Uphold the UDP Code of Conduct and commit to the internal democratic selection process;
5. Pass the internal vetting by the Vetting Panel of the UDP Flagbearer Selection.

3. Required Documentation:

1. Letter of intent (maximum 2 pages);
2. Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) with photocopy of supporting documents;
3. Photocopy of valid National ID card or Gambian Passport;
4. Photocopy of valid voter's card;
5. Proof of completion of Senior Secondary School or equivalent;
6. Proof of residence in The Gambia for the last five (5) years;
7. Statement of Vision and Quick Impact Agenda for The Gambia – First 100 Days in office (Max. 5 pages); and
8. Declaration of renunciation of dual citizenship (if applicable)

4. Procedures for Application

Application must be addressed to

1. UDP National President (Chairman of the Selection Committee), UDP National Secretariat, 1, Alpha Tasir Street Banjul, The Gambia
2. **Application Period:**
Opens: **August 18, 2025**
Closes: **September 02, 2025**

5. Submission Format:

- Applications (hard copies) must be submitted to the Senior Administrative Secretary, the UDP National Secretariat, C/o Manjai Bureau, Manjai Kunda, Kanifing Municipality, The Gambia

6. Timeline Overview for Selection Process

Stage	Activity	Timeline
1	Opening of Application	18 August 2025
2	Closing of Application	02 Sept 2025
4	Vetting Process – Interview	04 Sept 2025
5	Vetting Process – Verification – Grassroots Consultations	05 – 08 Sept 2025
6	Central Committee Meeting – Shortlisting	09 Sept 2025
7	Consensus-Building Pre- Selection Negotiations)	09 Sept 2025
8	Selection Committee Meeting – Selection	10 Sept 2025
9	Press Briefing – Declaration of Candidate	10 Sept 2025

7. For inquiries, contact:

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Issued by:

National President (Chairperson Selection Committee)

The National Executive Committee

United Democratic Party (UDP)

Date: [17th August, 2025]