

Council of Liberian Experts in the Diaspora, Inc.

Membership Rules

The Council of Liberian Experts in the Diaspora, Inc. (COLED) membership rules derive from its Constitution and Bylaws.

Membership Qualifications: Generally, to become a member of COLED, a person of Liberian decent must meet certain eligibility criteria which include at a minimum a bachelor's degree earned from an accredited university/college plus at least five years of working experience in the member's field of specialization. A member must be of good moral character and have no felony conviction. Refer to the general membership checklist below.

Application Process: A membership application including a consent form and questionnaire is required to be completed on the COLED website. All applicants are subject to vetting by the Membership Committee. All confirmed new members shall be required to pay membership dues effective the date of becoming a member.

Members in good standing are eligible to participate in elections and/or stand for elected office.

Associate Membership: Professionals who are not of Liberian descent but meet all other membership qualifications herein may become associate members of COLED upon referral by a member in good standing, subject to the consent of the Membership Committee, and approval by the Executive Committee. Associate members shall abide by and uphold the COLED Constitution & Bylaws. However, associate members are not required to pay membership dues and do not have voting rights.

Membership Eligibility Checklist:

- ✓ College graduate from an accredited university/college
- ✓ At least 5 years of work experience in the field of specialization
- ✓ Liberian Decent (by birth/immigration, the birth child of a Liberian)
- ✓ Complete application, Consent Form, and attestation questionnaire
- ✓ Submit updated Curriculum Vitae or Resume – (see template)
- ✓ Submit Proof of College degree earned from accredited university/college
- ✓ Pay the required membership due upon acceptance of membership application.