HOW TO LOCATE MERIT (STATUS) VACANCIES IN USAJOBS:

To locate vacancy postings for merit (status) positions, the USAJOBS search page requires you to click the “Yes” button under “Applicant Eligibility”. The “Applicant Eligibility” section is listed at the bottom of the USAJOBS job search page. USAJOBS will not list Merit postings (even with the vacancy announcement number entered in the “Keyword Search” field) if this button is not clicked (see below):

Applicant Eligibility
Are you a current or former Federal civilian employee who holds or held a non-temporary appointment:

- In the competitive service in the Executive Branch or in a position not in the Executive branch specifically included in the competitive service by statute, or
- In an excepted service position covered by an interchange agreement, or
- Eligible for reinstatement?
- A Veteran eligible for veterans’ preference or separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous military service?
- A person with non-competitive appointment eligibility?

You must check “Yes” in “Applicant Eligibility” to be given access to merit (status) positions.