



SCHUYLER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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Examination Open to the Public

Clerk—Exam #CL051620

EXAM DATE: May 16, 2020

LAST DATE TO FILE: 4/16/20 by 4:30pm

SALARY: Varies according to location

EXAM FEE: \$15.00 non-refundable application fee must accompany application, payable by cash, money order, or check made payable to the Schuyler County Treasurer. Please write the name and number of the examination on the check. Details concerning waiver of application fee are found in the “General Instructions.”

VACANCY: There is one vacancy in this title currently filled by a provisional appointment. This examination is being held to establish an eligible list that will be used to fill the current vacancy as well as any appropriate full-time and/or part-time vacancies in the positions of Clerk, Library Clerk and Health Office Assistant that may occur during the life of the eligible list for those positions.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Candidates must have been **legal residents of Schuyler or a contiguous (Chemung, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins and Yates) county** for at least one month immediately preceding the date of the written examination. Preference in appointment may be given to a resident of the jurisdiction for which there is a vacancy.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The work involves responsibility for the performance of standard clerical tasks and the part-time operation of a personal computer and office equipment. Specific duties vary with the needs of the department. Procedures are usually fixed but detailed instructions are given for new or difficult assignments. The incumbent works under supervision of more senior clerical worker. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of employees in this class. Does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency degree which included or was supplemented by satisfactory completion of a course in keyboarding, office practices, or a closely related field; or
- B. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency degree and one year of clerical experience*

***PLEASE NOTE: Proof of coursework must be provided if you qualify under A. If using work experience to qualify, please describe fully on application understanding that “clerical experience” is defined as activities involving the performance of routine office tasks, such as keeping of records & accounts, correspondence, recording/entering & retrieving data and/or information or i.e. filing, answering phones, typing correspondence, and using modern computer software. This experience should be the primary function of the job and not incidental.**

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: There will be a written test that candidates must pass in order to be considered for appointment. The written test will test for knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

ALPHABETIZING: These questions test your ability to file material in alphabetical order.

CLERICAL OPERATIONS WITH LETTERS AND NUMBERS: These questions test your skills and abilities in clerical operations involving comparing, checking and counting. The questions require you to follow the specific directions given for each question which may involve alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting given groups of letters and/or numbers.

RECORD KEEPING: These questions evaluate your ability to perform common record keeping tasks. The test consists of two or more “sets” of questions; each set concerning a different problem. Typical record keeping problems might involve the organization or collation of data from several sources; scheduling; maintaining a record system using running balances; or completion of a table summarizing data using totals, subtotals, averages and percents.

A study guide “Guide to Taking the Written Test for Entry-Level Clerical Series” is available on the New York State Department of Civil Service Web site at:
<http://www.cs.state.ny.us/testing/localtestguides.cfm> or may be picked up at the local Civil Service office.

NOTE: Use of a quiet hand held battery or solar-powered calculator is permitted for this examination.

Applications and announcements are available at www.schuylercounty.us or the
Schuyler County Civil Service Office
105 Ninth St., Unit 21, Watkins Glen, NY 14891
(607) 535-8190

Issue Date: March 9, 2020

SCHUYLER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE—GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS

Application: An original application must be filed for each separate examination. Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the “Last Filing Date” to be considered for this examination. We do not make formal acknowledgement of the receipt of an application or take responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay. Submission of a resume does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing all sections of the application. Answer every question; incomplete applications will be disapproved. Be sure to read the detailed announcement to determine whether or not you meet the announced requirements. No fee refund will be made to applicants who are disqualified or fail to appear for the examination. Notify this office if your address changes after applying. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved. Download application and forms at web site www.schuylercounty.us.

Education: A copy of your diploma should be submitted if you qualify by possession of a degree. Transcripts should be submitted whenever the qualifications require a specific college major or specified number of credits.

Fee and Fee Waiver: Application fee of \$15 (\$25 for Uniformed Protective Services exams) must be submitted with application. Cash, money order or check made payable to Schuyler County Treasurer. Write exam name and number on check. The examination fee may be waived for persons claiming to be “unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household.” Use Schuyler County Waiver form.

Application Review: Disqualified candidates will receive a disapproval letter and will have the opportunity to submit facts in opposition to disqualification. Approved candidates will receive an admission letter a week before the date of the exam telling when and where to appear for the examination. If you do not receive your letter within five days of the examination, call the Civil Service office at 607-535-8190. Falsification or material misstatements of any part of the application may result in disqualification from the exam or from permanent competitive appointment. Statements on the application may be verified after the examination is held. At that time those candidates not meeting the requirements will be disqualified.

Residency: Candidates must be legal residents of Schuyler County of one of the contiguous counties (Yates, Seneca, Steuben, Chemung, or Tompkins) for at least one month immediately preceding the examination date. For some examinations, residency may be waived. Under Section 23-4a of Civil Service Law, a municipality may request a certification of eligible candidates who have been residents of that municipality for at least one month prior to certification.

Multiple Examinations: Qualified candidates may take a combination of examinations being given on the same date. The time limit for any combination or series of examinations cannot exceed eight (8) hours.

Cross-filing: If you have applied for any other civil service examinations to be given on the same test date by New York State or any other local government jurisdiction, you must notify Schuyler County Civil Service of your intent to take both a State and local government examination. When taking both a State and local government examination you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examination. (2) If you have applied for examination with another local civil service agency, submit a cross filing form with each agency to make arrangements no later than two weeks before the date of the examinations; indicate the test site at which you wish to take your examination.

Calculators: Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use a quiet hand-held, solar or battery powered calculator. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited. No books or other reference materials are allowed.

Eligible Lists: Unless otherwise noted, the final rank order of the eligible list established as a result of this exam will be determined on the basis of the scores received on the written test, plus veterans and seniority credits where appropriate. The resulting eligible list for this examination will not be less than one year but no more than four years. Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept the appointment.

Rating: This examination is announced and will be rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of exams will apply to this examination.

Veterans/Military: Veterans or disabled veterans who wish to claim additional credit must submit a copy of their DD-214 and supporting paperwork before the eligible list is established. The requirements set by NYS for these credits must be met. Military Service members on active duty on the exam date may request a military make-up examination.

Children of Firefighters and Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. You must inform this office when you submit your application and must also submit documentation before the eligible list is established.

Religious Observers: Most tests are held on Saturdays. If the test date conflicts with a religious observance or practice, check the box on the application. Arrangements will be made for an alternate test date, usually the following Monday.

Disabled Persons: If special accommodations for testing are required, please indicate in writing the disability and desired conditions necessary to accommodate your disability by the last filing date of the exam.

School District Positions: Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from that state education department is required.

Background Investigation: Candidates may be required to pass a pre-employment drug test and/or undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, including a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment.

NYS Dept. of Civil Service publications, *How to Take a Written Test*, and *Questions and Answers About Municipal Civil Service Examinations* are available at their web site (www.cs.state.ny.us/msd/map.html).

This examination may be rescheduled if there is a weather emergency. Listen to radio station WFLR for information.