



SCHUYLER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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Examination Open to the Public

Employment & Temporary Assistance Supervisor —Exam #68379

EXAM DATE: October 13, 2018

LAST DATE TO FILE: August 24, 2018 by 4:30pm

SALARY: \$24.92 per hour

EXAM FEE: \$15.00 non-refundable examination 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.

VACANCY: At the present time, there is one full time opening in the Schuyler County Social Services Department. A permanent appointment will be made from the eligible list that results from this examination. The eligible list will also be used to fill any appropriate full-time and/or part-time vacancies as they occur.

JOB DESCRIPTION: This is an important supervisory position involving responsibility for overseeing and coordinating Employment and Temporary Assistance programs in the Department of Social Services. Responsibilities include but are not limited to program development, supervision, coordination and analysis, formulating and implementing employment policies, goals, objectives and outcomes of the unit, as well as meeting all performance and audit standards set forth by oversight agencies, providers of grant funding, and local County leadership. Direct supervision may be exercised over both supervisory and non-supervisory staff of the units. The work is performed under the general direction of the Deputy Commissioner of Social Services. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Maintains current knowledge of all Employment and Assistance program areas (Temporary Assistance, Housing, SNAP, HEAP, Child Care) and their respective rules and regulations as they relate to eligibility requirements and provision of services;

Communicates new Directives, or revisions to existing laws and regulations, to program staff, recommends policy and procedural changes to the Commissioner as needed, and monitors policy implementation;

Reviews performance reports and conducts audits and case reviews in accordance with regulations;

Evaluates staffs' performance, competencies, and training needs;

Establishes and cultivates relationships with local employers, housing authority, partner agencies, vendors, and community stakeholders to enhance service provision and delivery;

Oversees the recruitment and development of work sites;

Interviews individuals to determine eligibility for assistance programs;

Interviews assistance recipients to assess abilities and areas of interests to match with employment opportunities;

Oversees shelter inspections and procurement of temporary housing;

Represents the Department on Boards and Committees as assigned;

Provides consultation to Department staff, Community Organizations, and the general public regarding the scope and availability of services;
Attends training seminars, forums and conferences;
Works within multiple computer based systems;
Analyzes data and completes required plans and reports;
Prepares and attends Fair Hearings as needed;
Related tasks and duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university, or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents, to grant degrees with a Master's degree (or higher) in social sciences, human services, public administration, or closely related field and two (2) years of work experience in the provision of social services programs or substantially similar work, one (1) year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity, or
- B. Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's degree in social sciences, human services, public administration, or closely related field and three (3) years of work experience in the provision of social services programs or substantially similar work, one (1) year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:

Use of calculators is ALLOWED

Subjects of examination: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. Administrative supervision

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in directing the activities of a large subordinate staff, including subordinate supervisors. Questions relate to the personal interactions between an upper level supervisor and his/her subordinate supervisors in the accomplishment of objectives. These questions cover such areas as assigning work to and coordinating the activities of several units, establishing and guiding staff development programs, evaluating the performance of subordinate supervisors, and maintaining relationships with other organizational sections.

2. Administrative techniques and practices

These questions test for a knowledge of management techniques and practices used in directing or assisting in directing a program component or an organizational segment. Questions cover such areas as interpreting policies, making decisions based on the context of the position in the organization, coordinating programs or projects, communicating with employees or the public, planning employee training, and researching and evaluating areas of concern.

3. Educating and interacting with the public

These questions test for knowledge of techniques used to interact effectively with individuals and/or community groups, to educate or inform them about topics of concern, to publicize or clarify agency programs or policies, to negotiate conflicts or resolve complaints, and to represent one's agency or program in a manner in keeping with good public relations practices. Questions may also cover interacting with others in cooperative efforts of public outreach or service.

4. Evaluating conclusions in light of known facts

These questions will consist of a set of facts and a conclusion. You must decide if the conclusion is proved by the facts, disproved by the facts or if the facts are not sufficient to prove or disprove the conclusion. The questions will not be specific to a particular field.

5. Preparing written material

These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>

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

Date Issued: July 31, 2018

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. in the Civil Service office 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 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 or 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.

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