



SENECA COUNTY

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FISCAL SERVICES MANAGER Examination Number 62974

VACANCIES: At present there are no vacancies in the Seneca County Finance Department. This eligible list will be used to fill future vacancies as they occur in Seneca County.

RESIDENCY: Candidates must have been legal residents of Seneca County or one of the six contiguous counties for one month preceding the date of the written test. Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the municipality in which appointment is to be made for at least one month prior to the date of certification and are residents of such municipality at the time of appointment.

SALARY: \$54,755 annually

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either

1. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business administration, or other directly related field specifically structured to prepare individuals for work involving accounting (such degrees must include or be supplemented by 18 semester credit hours in accounting) and four years of accounting or auditing experience which must have been involved in the use of double entry books including the general ledger or other governmental agency books involving appropriation accounting and the preparation of budget and financial reports, two years of which must have been in a full supervisory capacity; or
2. Satisfactory completion of 60 semester credit hours in a regionally accredited or New York State registered two-year college including and/or supplemented by 18 semester credit hours in accounting and six years' experience as defined in (1); or
3. An equivalent combination of education and experience as defined by the limits of (1) and (2) above.

**APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND RETURNED TO:
SENECA COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICE,
1 DI PRONIO DRIVE, WATERLOO, NY 13165**

**Examination To Be Held:
March 18, 2017**

**Applications Accepted Up To:
February 10, 2017**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE.....

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only):

Devises and implements accounting and auditing systems to provide complete and accurate financial records of a Department or Departments' fiscal transactions;

Contacts various Federal, State and local representatives regarding program funding and fiscal affairs;

May oversee and manage subordinate staff engaged in a variety of financial operations including performance appraisals;

Studies economic trends and advises agency staff regarding related fiscal planning and cost analyses;

Maintains ledger and journal accounts, takes trial balances and reconciles bank statements and accounts;

Manages the agency payroll functions for staff and/or clients;

Performs cost benefit analyses of various administrative functions and programs;

Manages and oversees accounting and financial transactions to ensure compliance with Federal and State fiscal regulations;

May audit program agent or sub-contract accounts to ensure proper expenditures control of program funds;

Prepares and analyzes required fiscal records and reports;

Manages acquisition/distribution of equipment and supplies maintaining an inventory of equipment in department;

Analyzes the financial operation of the department and recommends improvements and changes in financial policy;

Responsibility for insuring that departmental financial functions are performed efficiently using updated information management technology;

Make long-term and short-term financial projections;

Interprets results and recommends financial direction;

Prepares monthly reports of the financial status of the department(s) to the County Finance Officer.

VETERANS CREDITS: Veterans or disabled veterans (including some current armed forces personnel) desiring to claim additional credit must make application for such additional credit at the time they make application for examination or at any time between the date of application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Your eligibility will be determined after we receive this completed application and a copy of your DD214. Candidates who claim credit, but who fail to submit adequate proof of eligibility for such credit by the time the eligible list is established, cannot later be granted credit on such eligible list. **YOU MAY NOT CLAIM ADDITIONAL CREDITS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE LIST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST THE VETERANS CREDITS FORMS AND TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING PAPERWORK BEFORE THE ELIGIBLE LIST IS ESTABLISHED.**

CREDIT FOR 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. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

CROSS-FILING: If you cross file for the **03/18/17** examination with more than one civil service agency, you must notify each agency in writing before the last filing date so that arrangements can be made for you to take a single written test for all jurisdictions for which you apply. Please indicate on the cross filing form obtained at the Personnel Office the names of the jurisdictions where other applications have been filed and the location where you wish to sit for this test. Failure to notify each agency may result in disqualification from one or more examinations in the series.

APPLICATION FEE: A fee of **\$10.00** is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. Send check or money order payable to Seneca

County Treasurer and write the examination number(s) and your Social Security Number on your check or money order. Do not send cash in the mail. As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. **Applications that are not accompanied by the application fee WILL NOT be processed for this examination.**

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of the application fee is available for individuals who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household; or individuals who are eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments; or individuals who are receiving Public Assistance in the form of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance, or are certified eligible for Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act programs through a state or local social services agency. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete an "Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification" form and submit it with your application.

NOTE: Religious accommodation, handicapped persons: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form. All qualified candidates will be notified by mail as to location of exam, time, date, etc. Also, special testing arrangements for active military members are available.

NOTE: This written examination is being prepared and rated by the NYS Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service rules, regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to the written test.

NOTE: Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. However, devices with typewriter keyboards, 'Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books,' Language Translators, Dictionaries, or similar devices are prohibited. **Use of calculators is RECOMMENDED.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

1. Applications may be obtained from the Seneca County Personnel Office. Mail or bring completed applications to the Personnel Office prior to, or on the last date for filing.
2. Before filling out your application, read the announcement for this examination carefully. When completing your application be sure to enter, at the top of page 1, the examination title which identifies the examination for which you are filing.
3. Do not interpret a notice to appear for, or actual participation in the examination, to mean that you have been found to fully meet the announced requirements. Depending on the time available before an examination, applicants may be admitted to the examination on the basis of statements made on the application or conditionally, without prior review of the application. Such statements may not be reviewed and/or verified until after the examination is held. At that time, those candidates not meeting the requirements will be disqualified and notified of such disqualification. Those candidates who are subsequently disqualified after taking the test will NOT be notified of their score.
4. Notify this agency immediately of any change of address. When writing, give the title of examination.
5. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.
6. Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. An incomplete application may result in its disapproval.
7. The candidate must complete an "Application for Employment" for each open-competitive and/or promotion examination he/she is eligible to take.
8. All experience required to meet the acceptable training and experience is full-time experience. (Part-time experience will be credited on a pro-rated basis.)
9. Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment.

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

1. **General accounting :** These questions test for knowledge of the general accounting principles and practices used in the preparation of financial statements, in the recording and reporting of financial transactions, and in financial decision-making. Candidates will be required to demonstrate a current knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Knowledge of computerized information systems as it applies to accounting may be required.

2. **General auditing:** These questions test for knowledge of the principles and procedures involved in substantiating and examining transactions and financial statements. It will require a knowledge of auditing techniques and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). Knowledge of the use of computerized accounting or auditing systems as it pertains to auditing may be required. Questions relating to internal controls applicable to manual and computerized accounting systems may be included.

3. **Governmental accounting:** These questions test for knowledge of the accounting practices employed to provide financial information used in determining and forecasting the condition of governmental units, and used for monitoring governmental performance, in terms of legal, contractual and fiduciary requirements. These questions will test for knowledge of and familiarity with common governmental funds, appropriation and encumbrance accounting, accounting for revenue and expenditures, and other aspects of accounting relating to the governmental sector.

4. **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.

5. **Supervision:** These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

6. **Understanding and interpreting tabular material:** These questions test your ability to understand, analyze, and use the internal logic of data presented in tabular form. You may be asked to perform tasks such as completing tables, drawing conclusions from them, analyzing data trends or interrelationships, and revising or combining data sets. The concepts of rate, ratio, and proportion are tested. Mathematical operations are simple, and computational speed is not a major factor in the test. **You should bring with you a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test. You will not be permitted to use the calculator function of your cell phone.**

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: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm

POSITIVELY NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE LAST FILING DATE.
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Posting Date: **December 22, 2016**