



## SCHUYLER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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### EXAMINATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## Account Clerk-KeyBoard Specialist

#ACKBS03022024

Exam Date: March 2, 2024

**LAST DATE TO FILE:** February 16, 2024 by 4:30pm

**SALARY:** Varies by jurisdiction

**EXAM FEE:** \$15.00 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. Details concerning waiver of application fee are found in the "General Instructions."

**VACANCY:** There are currently two full time positions in this title that has been filled provisionally. A permanent appointment for this position and all other positions that occur in the County, school districts, or local municipalities will be made from the eligible list that results from this examination.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants must submit a Civil Service "Application for Employment and/or Examination" to Schuyler County Civil Service office. **Faxed and emailed applications are accepted.** You may include a resume with your application; however, **you may NOT substitute "See Resume"** for completing any portion of the application form. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISAPPROVED.**

**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.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for the performance of standard account-keeping procedures in maintaining and checking financial accounts and records. The incumbent will be responsible for entering and retrieving information from a computer database/spreadsheet using software. Routine assignments are done under supervision in accordance with defined procedures; detailed instructions are provided for new or unusual assignments. This class differs from Senior Account Clerk-KeyBoard Specialist by virtue of the limited complexity of the work. The work is reviewed by observation, crosschecks, or by the immediate supervisor and by other steps in the account-keeping process. Does related work as required.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, **and either:**

- A. Successful completion of a high school accounting course and a keyboarding or word processing course; **or**
- B. Six credit hours of coursework in accounting at a regionally accredited college or university, or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees and either a course in keyboarding/word processing or one year of clerical experience that involved typing or word processing; **or**
- C. One year of experience maintaining financial accounts and records which included typing or word processing.

**\*\*Note:** Please submit proof of coursework if you qualify under A or B above. If using work experience to qualify, please describe fully on application.

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

**CLERICAL OPERATIONS WITH LETTERS AND NUMBERS:** These questions test your skills and abilities in clerical operations involving alphabetizing, 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.

**ARITHMETIC COMPUTATION WITH CALCULATORS:** These questions test for the ability to use a calculator to do basic computation. Questions will involve addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. You may also be asked to calculate averages, to use percents, and to round an answer to the nearest whole number. **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**.

**ARITHMETIC REASONING:** These questions test your ability to solve an arithmetic problem presented in sentence or short paragraph form. You must read the problem, understand the situation presented, decide what must be done to solve it, and apply the appropriate arithmetic operation(s) in the appropriate order in order to determine the correct solution. Knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division is necessary. Questions may also involve the use of percents, decimals, and fractions. **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**.

A study guide “Guide to Taking the Written Test for Entry-Level Account/Audit Clerical Series” is available at the NYS Civil Service Web site at <http://www.cs.state.ny.us/testing/localtestguides.cfm> or at the local civil service office or the local civil service website.

**CALCULATOR STATEMENT:** Use of a calculator is **RECOMMENDED** for this exam.

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

Issue Date: January 10, 2024

## **SCHUYLER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE—GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS**

**Application:** An original application must be filed for each separate examination. Applications must be received in the Civil Service office 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](http://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. Check the Schuyler County website – Civil Service page – for weather related cancellations.