

County of Chautauqua in the State of New York Announces:

CORRECTION OFFICER

Examination Number #66158



Salary: County of Chautauqua - \$18.66 - \$31.40/Hour

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Examination Rating Period: June 2023

Applications must be *Received or Postmarked* by: 5/10/2023

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Exam announcements and application forms are available on the Internet at www.chggov.com - Click on "Employment"

APPLICATION FEE: A fee of \$25.00 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 the Director of Finance** and write the examination number and title on your check or money order. **We cannot accept cash.** No refund will be made on approved applications. You are urged to review the examination announcement carefully, to compare your qualifications with the requirements for admission, and to file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for an application fee waiver, complete the appropriate section of the Application and submit it by the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement.** Applications and additional information may be obtained from the Internet at www.chggov.com - click on "Employment" or by contacting the Chautauqua County Department of Human Resources, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York 14757. Phone (716) 753-4237.

APPLICATION FORM: Your application for this test is part of the examination process. Applications must be completely filled out, with all pertinent information stated. Vagueness or ambiguity will not be interpreted in your favor. We do not refer to other applications on file for additional information. Applications that do not show training and/or experience to meet minimum qualifications may be disapproved.

VACANCIES: At present six (6) vacancies exists in the Chautauqua County Office of the Sheriff.

DUTIES: A Correction Officer is a responsible position involving the performance of a variety of duties in connection with the safe and efficient operation of the County Jail to include guarding and attending to the care and well being of inmates. Supervision is received from a Deputy Sheriff Sergeant or Correction Sergeant with leeway provided for the use of independent judgment and initiative when the occasion arises.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

Conviction of a felony will bar, and conviction of a misdemeanor or other offenses may bar examination and/or appointment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:

- A. **Age** - Candidates may take the examination prior to attaining age 20, but will NOT be eligible for appointment until their 20th birthday is reached.
- B. **Medical and Psychological Screening** - Candidates who are offered employment will be required to pass a physical/medical examination and a psychological screening prior to appointment. Failure to pass either the physical or psychological screening will bar candidates from appointment.
- C. **Background Investigation** - Candidates who pass the written test will be subject to a background investigation including but not limited to education, military, employment, credit, traffic and criminal records. Conviction of a felony will bar, and conviction of a misdemeanor or other offense may bar examination and/or appointment.
- D. **Training** - New York State Commission of Corrections regulations require that Corrections Officers successfully complete an approved mandatory training course within one year of being hired and before appointment becomes permanent.
- E. Candidates who are offered employment must also pass a comprehensive drug screening.
- F. A Correction Officer must be a U.S. Citizen at time of appointment.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Candidates must have been legal residents of Chautauqua County for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of appointment, and must remain a resident of Chautauqua County throughout service in this classification.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: **There is no written multiple-choice test. This is an online examination questionnaire** that asks questions about your education, training, and work experience. This online questionnaire IS YOUR EXAMINATION, and the examination period closes at midnight on June 30, 2023. This is a two-part exam.

Part 1 - Candidates are required to complete an examination application from the local civil service agency and return it to the Chautauqua County Department of Human Resources **on or before the last filing date of May 10, 2023.**

Part 2 - Approved candidates will be sent a notice containing directions to a website address needed to complete the Training and Experience Questionnaire. You will then complete the online Training and Experience Questionnaire between June 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023. The answers you provide in the questionnaire will be used to rate and score your test against the general requirements of the position. Your score will be based on training and experience gained before the application filing deadline of May 10, 2023. The online questionnaire will close on midnight, June 30, 2023.

Note: If you are participating in the June 24, 2023, written multiple-choice test for Correction Officer with another civil service agency, you can also participate in this examination. However, due to the different testing formats, individuals must take both examinations and cannot apply the score of one examination format to the other.

CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITY: It is the responsibility of candidates to provide all necessary documentation and to complete all relevant parts of the application. To receive credit for experience – either qualifying or against a rating scale – they must show basic information such as employer name and address, name and title of supervisor, hours worked per week, dates of employment to include month and year started and ended, etc. **A copy of a verifiable transcript for required education and a copy of the required license(s) or professional certificate(s) must be submitted.**

All information must be submitted by close of filing - May 10, 2023. Candidates who submit incomplete applications and documentation may be disqualified.

Candidates who have previously applied for this title must update their applications during the filing period per New York State rules for rating of training and experience examinations. Applications that have NOT been updated during the filing period for this test will NOT be rated.

GENERAL INFORMATION / INSTRUCTIONS

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER: It is the policy of Chautauqua County to provide for and promote equal opportunity in employment, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, disability, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, or arrest and/or criminal conviction record unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or other exception. The policy can be obtained at www.chggov.com.

THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLISHED LAST FILING DATE FOR THIS EXAMINATION: Applications must be either:

- A. Received at the Chautauqua County Department of Human Resources, Room 144, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York 14757 prior to the close of business on or before the last filing date published for this examination, or:
- B. Postmarked on or before the last filing date published for this examination. Please note that mail deposited in a mail box on the last filing date but after the post office's last pick up for that day will receive a post mark for the following day and, therefore, will not be considered a timely submission by this office.

NOTE: Applications submitted through the County interoffice mail system are not postmarked and are date stamped upon receipt by our office. We urge candidates to pay particular attention to the filing deadline and to use a filing method that will ensure a timely submission.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the **local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date**, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center. **Cross-file application forms are available on the Internet at www.chggov.com** or by contacting the Chautauqua County Department of Human Resources, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York 14757. Phone (716) 753-4237.

LEGAL AUTHORIZATION TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES: Federal Immigration Law requires employers to verify that all persons hired are legally authorized to work in the United States. If you are hired, you will be asked to swear, under penalty of perjury, that you are legally authorized to work in the U.S., and you will be required to submit proof of that authorization.

CURRENT/PROSPECTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS: New York State Law provides for Military Make-up Tests in cases where candidates cannot attend the scheduled test on the published test date due to active military duty. You must file an application for this examination in accordance with this examination announcement and you must request the special test arrangements, which are available. If you expect to enter military service, you may still compete in this examination and be appointed or reinstated after you return from active duty. Contact our office for details.

THIS EXAMINATION IS BEING RATED: by the New York State Department of Civil Service 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 and review of examinations will apply to this test. The eligible list resulting from an examination may also be used for appointment to the same title or to any other title deemed to be similar and appropriate.

ALTERNATE TEST DATES: State and local examination policy does permit alternate test dates for certain compelling reasons. For details or to request an alternate test date, contact the Department of Human Resources.

LOCATION OF EXAM SITE: Examinations are held in Mayville unless for reasons beyond our control, we must change the test site.

VETERAN CANDIDATES: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Applications for veteran's credit are available from this office. Veteran's credits can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Effective January 1, 1998, the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in section 85 of Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credits.

SECTION 85-a OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW: Effective 9/17/02, 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 the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION: Notice to appear for the examination will be conditional, as review of applications for minimum requirements may not be made until after the written test. Call the Chautauqua County Human Resources Office if you have not received your notice 3 days before the date of the examination. You may not be admitted to the examination room without official notice.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, please contact our office so that we can make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date. Applicants with disabilities who require special arrangements should contact our office by the close of the filing period for the examination.

RATINGS REQUIRED: Tests are rated on a scale of 100 with the passing mark at 70. Unless the announcement states otherwise you must pass the written test and the oral test, if any. Test instructions may further divide the tests into parts and set minimum standards for each part.

VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates may be investigated or called for an interview to determine whether they are qualified for appointment. In addition to meeting specific requirements, candidates must be of good moral character and habits.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION/BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Applicants may be required to take a medical examination to determine if you are medically and physically capable of performing the duties of the position. You may also be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.