

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
A.A./E.E.O. EMPLOYER  
CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY  
EXAMINATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

EXAMINATION DATE: February 10, 2018

LAST FILING DATE: January 10, 2018

**Account Clerk - # 18-001**

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in agencies under the jurisdiction of the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department. Salary varies with jurisdiction.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- (A) Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma, or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma and one (1) year of clerical experience which shall have included billing, payroll or bookkeeping/accounting; **OR**
- (B) Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma, or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma, including or supplemented by coursework in accounting or bookkeeping.

**NOTE:** Submission of a resume does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing ALL sections of the official application. Your resume is a supplement to the application, not a substitute for it.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** 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 or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

**APPLICATION FEE:** The St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department will be collecting an application fee of \$10.00 from examination applicants. The required fee must accompany your application and must be in the form of either a check or money order payable to the St. Lawrence County Treasurer. Write the number of the examination on your check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the specified minimum qualifications and file for the examination only if you believe you are clearly qualified. Any application received after the last filing date will be returned along with the application fee. There will be a \$15.00 returned check fee of any returned check.

**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, please complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. The "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form is located on the St. Lawrence County web site at: [www.slcpersonnel.org](http://www.slcpersonnel.org) or by contacting the Human Resources Department at (315) 379-2210.**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** This is clerical work involving performance of standard account-keeping practices in maintaining and checking financial accounts and records. The incumbent works under direct supervision on routine assignments which are done in accordance with defined procedures; detailed instructions are provided for new or unusual assignments. The work is reviewed by observation, cross-checks or by the immediate supervisor and by other steps in the account-keeping process. This position differs from Senior Account Clerks by virtue of the limited complexity of the work. The incumbent does related work as required.

**NOTE:** Calculators are **PROHIBITED**.

**SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: SEE ATTACHED EXPANDED SCOPE STATEMENT**

Applications and application fees must be submitted or postmarked by the last filing date stated above. Normal business hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm except for the months of June, July and August; the hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Late applications and/or application fees will not be accepted. Candidates will be notified approximately two weeks prior to the examination date, as to the time and place of the examination. In order to assure you receive all correspondence from our office, we **must** have your current address on file. Email changes to: [exams@stlawco.org](mailto:exams@stlawco.org) or contact the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department at the number listed below.

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APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION  
St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department  
48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617-1169  
(315) 379-2210  
[www.slcpersonnel.org](http://www.slcpersonnel.org)  
(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS)

### **SITTING CONDITIONALLY FOR AN EXAMINATION**

Candidates who will receive a qualifying degree within four (4) months after the date of this examination will be allowed to sit conditionally. The candidates' name will be withheld from certification until proof of the qualifying degree has been received by the Human Resources Department. The candidate will be required to furnish proof that they have received said degree, **no later than four (4) months after the establishment of the Eligible List** resulting from this examination. Upon receipt of said proof within the time frame so stated, the candidate will become eligible for certification.

### **SPECIAL EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS**

Special accommodations for handicapped candidates will be made unless such accommodations would impose an undue hardship on the Human Resources Department. Written requests specifying such accommodations should be filed with the examination application in order to allow for the necessary documentation, determination and arrangements.

### **RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION**

Candidates who, because of a religious observance or practice, are unable to compete in an examination scheduled to be held by this office, will be rescheduled. Notification must be made in writing to the Human Resources Department with the examination application. The candidate will be notified by the Human Resources Department of an alternate test date.

### **MILITARY COMMITMENT**

Candidates who are unable to appear on the regularly scheduled examination date due to ordered military duty should contact the Human Resources Department for information regarding their rights to an alternate test date.

### **OTHER ALTERNATE TEST DATES**

Alternate examination dates may be granted for qualifying circumstances. A request for alternate examination date must be submitted to the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department no later than the close of business on the next business day following the examination date, whenever practicable. Any alternate examination date administration beyond the Saturday following the scheduled Saturday examination date must be reviewed with the New York State Department of Civil Service.

### **MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY (CROSS FILERS)**

If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two (2) 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.

### **VETERANS CREDITS**

For purpose of claiming Veterans Credits on a Civil Service examination, an applicant must have served in the armed forces of the United States at any time during the following periods:

Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946

June 27, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955

Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

June 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987

Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983

Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990

Aug. 2, 1990 - End of Persian Gulf Conflict

Disabled or Non-Disabled Veterans who claim additional credits will receive information as to the filing procedure approximately 2 weeks prior to the date of the examination. (See section 6 of the application for additional information)

### **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 the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

### **WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

This written examination is prepared and 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 which deals with the rating of examinations will apply.

### **CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS**

Names of candidates from a continuous recruitment examination will be inter-filed on the continuing eligible list in rank order regardless of the date on which they took the test. A department/agency/municipality reserves the right to terminate the continuous recruitment program.

### **ELIGIBLE LISTS**

Eligible Lists will be ranked in the order of final rating, and will be established for a minimum of one year to a maximum of four years unless exhausted prior to that date. Established Eligible Lists may be extended by the Personnel Officer not to exceed four years.

### **NOTE TO CANDIDATES**

Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited. Books or other reference materials are also prohibited.

### **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS, FINGERPRINTS AND FEES**

Fingerprinting is sometimes required at the time of appointment. If so, you may be required to pay the processing fee. Background Investigation: Applicants may 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.

*St. Lawrence County*

**EXPANDED SCOPE STATEMENT**

*Account Clerk*

*Exam Date: 02/10/2018*

*18-001*

**SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION:** A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

**1 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.

**2 Arithmetic computation without calculators**

These questions test your ability to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Questions may also involve fractions, decimals, averages, and percents. You may **NOT** use a calculator or any other type of calculating device to answer these questions or any other questions in the written test.

**3 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.

**Performance Test**

A performance test will also be held at a later date, to be announced. The test will be a performance test that will require you to use a conventional personal computer (PC) with a standard keyboard to perform various clerical tasks using pre-established databases. The databases will be of a generic variety; you do not need any present knowledge of these databases in order to do well on the test. Prior to the test, you will be sent information that tells you all that you will need to know about the databases and their use.

The test will consist of three parts. In Part One, you will be required to add, delete and update various records in a database. In Part Two, you will be required to look up records in a database and write down selected information from the records onto printed forms. In Part Three, the computer will present questions about the information that you wrote down in Part Two. You will enter your answers directly into the PC. Your rating (pass/fail) on this test will be based on the amount of material you complete and on the accuracy of your work.

Candidates will only be called to the performance test if they have passed the written test. You must pass both the written and performance tests to be eligible for appointment. Your score on the eligible list will be based on your score on the written test.

**WAIVER POLICY:** If you have passed a database-clerical test provided by the New York State Department of Civil Service, administered by the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department within the past two (2) years, you may be eligible to have the performance test waived. Waivers for this database-clerical test will not be granted for typing tests.

A Guide to the Written Test for the Account/Audit Clerical series is available at the New York State Department of Civil Service web site: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm). Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request a copy of this test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.