



# SENECA COUNTY

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## CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



**SOCIAL WELFARE  
EXAMINER  
Exam Number 67212**

**VACANCIES:** At present there is one (1) vacancy in the Seneca County Division of Human Services. This eligible list will be used to fill this and future vacancies as they occur in Seneca County.

**RESIDENCY:** Seneca County has a residency requirement that an applicant must be a resident of Seneca County or one of the six contiguous counties (Cayuga, Ontario, Schuyler, Tompkins, Wayne and Yates) for one month to be eligible for appointment.

**SALARY:** \$15.498 per hour

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Two (2) years of experience in examining, investigating or evaluating claims for assistance, veterans or unemployment benefits, insurance or a similar program operating under established criteria for eligibility.

NOTE: Study in a regionally accredited college or university or one registered by New York State or a business school registered by New York State may be substituted for the experience on a year for year basis.

Please apply online at <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

Examination To Be Held:

June 23, 2018

Applications Accepted Up To:

May 18, 2018

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only):**

Reviews the certification form to determine that all statements are complete and consistent with every other item of information provided;

Where necessary for clarification or completion of certification forms, asks applicant appropriate questions and makes necessary additions or corrections on the forms;

Makes an evaluation of applicant's financial eligibility for assistance, may determine initial categorical eligibility and evaluates available resource details in relation to financial eligibility;

Prepares and computes budget for the applicants;

Advises applicant of the eligibility determination, the amount of assistance, and when the first grant can be expected;

Advises the applicant about the program under which he is eligible for assistance and any documentation or additional information which is necessary for final program classification;

Recommends emergency grants as needed;

Makes redeterminations of financial eligibility;

Explains the validation process to the applicant;

Advises the applicant about his duty to keep the agency informed of any change in status which may affect his/her eligibility for assistance;

Informs applicants about the range of services in the agency;

If mandatory, or requested by applicant or client, or need for services is indicated, refers applicant to social services section, or to other specialists, such as resources, housing, employment, legal, medical, etc.;

Makes referrals for full field investigation where presumption of fraud is indicated.

**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 **06/23/18** 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 by clicking here: <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/Crossfile%20Form.pdf> 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. When you are applying online, complete the required fields for payment as noted. 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. **The required fee must accompany your on-line application.**

If you are unable to apply on-line, please contact the Seneca County Personnel Office for an application. Send check or money order payable to Seneca County Treasurer along with the application, and write the examination number(s) and your Social Security Number on your check or money order. Do not send cash in the mail. A \$20.00 service charge will be imposed on any checks returned to the Seneca County Treasurer. **Applications 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 ALLOWED.**

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:**

1. To apply online, please visit <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps> . If you are unable to apply online, you may mail or bring completed applications, along with the application fee, 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 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. Interpreting and applying written Social Welfare program materials, and using basic arithmetic in determining eligibility for assistance**

You will be presented with written passages related to Social Services policies and procedures and be asked to interpret their meaning and/or apply this material to hypothetical case situations. Secondly, you will be given sets of written instructions and regulations regarding such Social Services programs as cash assistance, medical assistance, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

You must read and understand the instructions given, including schedules of arithmetic figures, and apply these instructions to hypothetical case problems. Some questions require using arithmetic to compute the correct amount of assistance.

Previous knowledge of Social Services programs or the eligibility process is not required.

**2. Recording case notes**

You will be given several sentences from a typical case report paragraph and one additional sentence. You must determine the best place in the paragraph to put the additional sentence in order to make the report coherent and meaningful.

**3. Interviewing**

You must apply principles and techniques of interviewing to such problems as asking and answering questions, explaining requirements and helping the client understand his or her responsibilities, helping the client feel at ease, structuring and controlling the interview, reacting appropriately to inconsistencies, dealing with a variety of feelings of clients, maintaining confidentiality, and identifying the need for and making appropriate referrals. In addition, some questions may deal with contacting or interacting with other community organizations and agencies to benefit the client or the general public.

A Guide for the Written Test for Social Welfare Examiner is available at the New York State website: [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 copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

**POSITIVELY NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE LAST FILING DATE.  
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Posting Date: **April 13, 2018**