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TO: ALL APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR **LIFEGUARD**

FROM: SENECA COUNTY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: APPLICANT INFORMATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION

Please be advised that we are accepting applications for this title on a continuous basis. On the application's "General Information" tab you will be asked "Please indicate the municipality (Town, Village, School or Seneca County) that you wish your application to be sent, if applicable".

Please enter any of the following as your response:

- Town of Seneca Falls

PLEASE NOTE: Applying for this title does not necessarily mean that there is a current opening at this time; however, your application will be forwarded to the jurisdiction(s) that you have indicated for future vacancies. The position for which you are applying is in a school district. Please contact the school district for availability and salary information.

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.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be at least 15 years of age (preference is given to individuals 18 years of age or older) and possess current certificates in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, Lifeguard Waterfront Module (exception for NYC) and CPR for the Professional Rescuer, or equivalent certifications from an agency approved by the Commissioner of NYS Parks. All current American Red Cross Lifeguard training certifications should include first aid. If not, a standard first aid certificate is required. A current separate CPR certificate is required. A Water Park Module is also required for any lifeguard working at a park having water slides. First Aid and Lifeguard certificates must be dated within the last three years; CPR certificates must be dated within the last year (recertification acceptable). NYS Parks Lifeguards must maintain current certification in all required training programs during the term of their employment. A minimum of 20/40 uncorrected vision is required in each eye.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position involves responsibility for the safety and welfare of bathers at a swimming pool by patrolling the swimming area. The Lifeguard works under the general supervision of a higher-level employee but must be capable of exercising sound judgement and independent action in emergencies. They are expected to make decisions and apply various procedures, rules, regulations and guidelines. Must be able to act quickly and instinctively to detect and deter activities that are potentially hazardous. The incumbent does related work as required

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only):

Provides water surveillance, guards pool areas, provides direct supervision and protection of swimmers, ensures patrons are aware of and follow all rules and regulations as appropriate in an effort to prevent accidents;

Initiates and/or responds to swimmer-in-distress signals, immediately assesses the danger and initiates the appropriate rescue assistance procedures;

Performs resuscitation and other first aid procedures as necessary;

Evacuates swimming area in response to a dangerous or emergency situation, directs orderly evacuation, maintains crowd control and notifies appropriate staff;

Instructs beginners in swimming;

Keeps the pool area free of glass and other debris;

Keeps order among swimmers;

Ensures all rules are prominently posted and encourages proper conduct and voluntary compliance with all park rules and regulations, informs patrons of violations and removes violators from the area;

Supervises locker room to maintain order and safety of students;

Prepares and maintains routine records and reports;

Assists in preparing written reports of all accidents and rescues;

Promotes good public relations;

May perform other duties as assigned, including any assigned supervisory responsibilities.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of first aid, lifesaving and rescue work as applied to accidents in the water; ability to swim well, provide face-to-face communication with the public to provide information, use tact and diplomacy to encourage proper behavior of use of facilities; ability to observe and make sound judgments; ability to establish and carry out preventive water safety precautions; ability to react to emergencies and take effective action; ability to use rescue tube, rescue poles, ring preserver, background and first aid supplies; ability to prepare simple records and reports.