

TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
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Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Office
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Ithaca, NY 14850
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Tompkins County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply

TITLE: Service Specialist

SALARY: \$25,500-\$30,000

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT: Full Time

ISSUE DATE: 07/01/22

THE FINAL DATE TO FILE APPLICATIONS: 10/31/22

DATE THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM POSTING: 11/01/22

RESIDENCY: Candidates must have been legal residents of Tompkins County or one of the six adjoining counties (Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga) for at least one month immediately preceding the date of application and maintain residency. For Examinations: The eligible list resulting from the examination will be established in accordance with the final earned numerical ratings of passing candidates regardless of residence. A municipality or district may exercise its right under section 23-4-a. of Civil Service Law to request a certification of eligible candidates who have been residents of that municipality or district for at least one month prior to appointment. After the names of residents have been exhausted, Tompkins County must then certify the names of non-residents on the list.

START DATE: September 1, 2022 or as soon as possible

HIRING RANGE: \$25,500.00 - \$30,000.00 Excellent benefits are available.

CONTACT PERSON: For further information, please contact Brandi Remington, 607-257-1551 at x1015.

NOTE: Travel is required, as a result, candidates must possess and maintain a valid NYS driver's license and have reliable transportation or demonstrate that they are able to meet these requirements.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered two year college with an Associate's Degree **AND** one year of full-time paid (or the equivalent part-time and/or volunteer) experience involving program development, planning, or evaluation in a community health service organization, human service agency, or school system; **OR**
 2. Graduation from high school or possession of a HSE diploma **AND** three years of full-time paid (or the equivalent part-time and/or volunteer) experience involving program development, planning, or evaluation in a community health service organization, human service agency, or school system; **OR**
- (c) Any combination of training and experience equal to or greater than that described in (a) and (b) above.

NOTE: The incumbents of some Service Specialist positions are required to travel to and conduct business at another physical location, such as a member school or another community setting. As a result, candidates must possess and maintain a valid New York State driver's license and reliable transportation or otherwise demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the BOCES, that they are able to meet the transportation requirements of the position.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

Provides direct services to students within TST BOCES' component districts with a focus on social-emotional skills development and prevention education. Facilitates social-emotional learning curriculum and skill-building discussion groups for middle and/or high school students. Provides prevention lessons for youth K-4 at multiple districts and supports the work of building assets and protective factors region wide, empowering youth to make healthy decisions. The work is performed under the general supervision of the coordinator and with support from the Youth Development Program team. There is considerable leeway allowed for independent judgment and program development. Performs other duties as assigned. Supervision of others is not a function of this class.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Facilitate social-emotional skill building discussion groups for middle and high school students;
Implement prevention lessons and social-emotional learning curriculums for students K-12

Act as a caring third party adult/mentor to students K-12 by providing academic, emotional, and social supports;
Facilitate group discussion and information flow between school staff, students, community agencies, and parents;
Meets with pupils, teachers, parents, staff and administrators in schools and community settings;

Develop and maintain records for project activities;
Develop, implements, and modifies procedures and activities for projects;

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of youth development and social-emotional skill development;
Good knowledge of the structure and operation of educational systems;

Good knowledge of community agencies and services;

Working knowledge of substance abuse education and intervention programs and techniques;

Excellent written and verbal skills required;

Ability to coordinate program activities and work independently as a group facilitator;

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others;

Ability to maintain records and prepare oral and written reports

Emotional intelligence and a strong sensitivity to the feelings and reactions of others;
Tact, courtesy, empathy, integrity, and good judgment are all required personal characteristics;

The employee's physical and mental condition shall be commensurate with the demands of the position, either with or without reasonable accommodations.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.

Accepted candidates will be notified when and where to appear for the examination. If you do not receive your notice to appear at least three days before the date of the written examination, call Tompkins County Department of Human Resources at 274-5526. If an application is disapproved, due notice will be sent. This department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application or take responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay.

Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved.

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL, VETERANS OR DISABLED VETERANS desiring to claim additional credit will request the Veterans Credits application form, at any time between the date of application for examination(s) and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. You must meet the requirements set by NYS for these credits and they may be used only once. **YOU MAY NOT CLAIM ADDITIONAL CREDITS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE LIST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST THE VETERANS CREDIT APPLICATION FORMS AND TO SUBMIT THESE FORMS AND ANY SUPPORTING PAPERWORK BEFORE THE ELIGIBLE LIST IS ESTABLISHED.**

Tompkins County's written examinations are prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations, which deal with the rating and review of the examinations apply.

The duration of the eligible lists may be fixed for a minimum of one and a maximum of four years and may be extended beyond four years if there has been a restriction against the filling of vacancies in that title.

The candidates must complete a separate "Application for Employment" for each open-competitive and/or promotional examination that the candidate is eligible to take.

All experience required meeting the acceptable training and experience is full-time experience. (Part-time experience will be credited on a prorated basis).

Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept the appointment.

Tompkins County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As part of its efforts to provide employment opportunities to the physically handicapped, Tompkins County Civil Service has adopted a rule permitting the employment of qualified physically handicapped persons without competitive examination (pursuant to Section 55 of Civil Service Law). If you meet the minimum qualifications for this position and wish to know more about this rule, please contact the Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Office.

Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, and 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. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

CROSS-FILING - APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WHEN EXAMINATIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DATE: When applying for examinations across multiple jurisdictions - all of which are scheduled on the same day - you must submit a Tompkins County Cross-Filing Form. This form must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on the final filing date of the examination. On this form, list each examination that you are taking and then tell us where you would like to sit. The purpose is to ensure that all of the test materials for the various examinations that you are taking will be available in one location. If you do not provide the cross-filing form to us by the final filing date, we cannot ensure that we can accommodate your desire to cross-file. If any of the examinations are State level examinations, you must sit at the State test center. You will still need to complete the Tompkins County cross-filing form. If sitting at the State site, the State will notify you of when and where to report for your examination(s) and you should bring all admittance letters to the State site. If you are not taking a State examination, bring all admittance letters to your chosen testing site. If you have any question please call Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Department (607) 274-5526. The Cross File form is located at <http://www.tompkins-co.org/personnel/CivilSrvForms/index.html>

FOR RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS: If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application.

ALL CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR POSITIONS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES GOVERNED BY TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE MAY HAVE THE FOLLOWING 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.

In conformance with Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duties 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 firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duties 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.

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.

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