

TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE VACANCY

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**Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Office
125 E. Court Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 274-5526**

Tompkins County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply

TITLE: Special Patrol Officer

SALARY: \$34.00/hr

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT: Full Time and Part Time

ISSUE DATE: 01/21/26

THE FINAL DATE TO FILE APPLICATIONS: 12/31/26

DATE THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM POSTING: 01/01/27

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.

This position is with the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Retired member of a police or sheriff's department in New York State, or
2. Retired member of the division of state police, or
3. Retired former corrections, parole, or probation officer in New York State.

NOTE:

1. In accordance with Section 209-V of General Municipal Law, a retiree who had permanent competitive class status in one of the above listed occupations may be reinstated to a Special Patrol Office position without further examination. Former members of the New York State Police (appointed by Executive Law 31) and any other peace officers retired from non-competitive positions can be re-employed as Special Patrol Officer only by participating in a civil service examination for the position.
2. Retired status will be confirmed through the background investigation and candidates may be asked to submit documentation showing proof as a retiree from a Law enforcement position.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a valid New York State Operator's License at time of application and maintenance of such license in good standing throughout the duration of employment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT TO CARRY OR POSSESS FIREARMS:

Special Patrol Officers may not carry or possess firearms while on duty unless authorized to do so by the Appointing Authority and a license has been issued pursuant to Section 400.00 of Penal Law (Section 2.10.37 of Criminal Procedure Law). Where possession of the license is required, eligibility for and continued possession of the license is required for employment.

Special Patrol Officer must meet the standards outlined in the Sheriff's Office General Orders for firearms and less than lethal qualification/proficiency in accordance with the NYS Penal Law Article 35, the NYS Criminal Procedural Law and office's policy related to the use of force. Failure to meet the recertification standards for the aforementioned proficiency skills will result in termination of employment.

Tompkins County is Committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage those with similar values to apply.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position involves responsibility for maintaining order and providing security in and around public buildings, schools, courtrooms and/or other public facilities. Persons employed in this class shall have all the powers of a peace officer, as set forth in section 2.20 of Criminal Procedure Law, when performing the duties of protecting property or persons in and around such premises. The work is performed under general supervision of the Police Chief or Sheriff. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Provides security by standing in and patrolling public buildings;

Protects and guards the public, judges, students, and employees, in the designated publicly- owned property;

Physically restrains unruly individuals;

Escorts judges, juries and witnesses to and from the courtroom;

Provides general information to visitors on premises;

Checks to ensure that all necessary documents and identification are in order;

Safeguards public property;

Provides assistance in emergency situations;

Maintains and updates records as required;

Prepares incident reports;

Distributes and posts appropriate documents and materials.

May be assigned to secure and guard prisoners and/or detainees in a courtroom or related situation.

Provides escorts/transport to and from public buildings to include, but not limited to courtrooms, correctional facilities, state prisons, detention facilities, rehabilitation facilities, psychiatric facilities, medical facilities, etc.

Performs a variety of related activities as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Good knowledge of procedures and practices for protecting and safeguarding buildings and property; good knowledge of the powers of a peace officer; ability to maintain order; ability to perform first aid; ability to exercise judgement and common sense in stressful situations; ability to carry out established security procedures in case of fire, bomb threat or other emergency situations; ability to operate an emergency vehicle and relates tasks; ability to observe detail, remember facts and information, and evaluate situations; ability to understand oral and written instructions and apply information, rules, regulations and procedures to specific situations; ability to prepare brief written communications; ability to communicate information orally to the public, or related personnel; ability to use self-defense, restraint techniques and security equipment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position, act responsibly and decisively; courtesy and tact.

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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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