



NIAGARA COUNTY
CIVIL SERVICE
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JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT

NO. 67-626 Examination Open to the Public

Salary \$37,000/Year

The examination will be held to establish an eligible list for one (1) current vacancy in the Town of Lewiston. The eligible list resulting from this examination will be used to fill this vacancy and any other appropriate vacancy which may occur under the jurisdiction of Niagara County Civil Service during the life of the list. **The list established from this exam will supersede any existing list for this title.**

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must have been legal residents of Niagara County for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of the written examination. **Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been residents of the municipality, within Niagara County, in which the appointment is made. Non-residents may be required to become a resident of the appointing municipality if local law so states.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following on or before the date of the written exam. **Your application will be disapproved if you do not meet these qualifications or fail to clearly state your qualifications. Should your application be disapproved, your filing fee will not be refunded.**

1. Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree in business administration or accounting; **or**
2. Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with an Associate's Degree in business administration or accounting **and** two (2) years of satisfactory full-time paid accounting experience involving the maintenance of general books of account and preparation of financial statements; **or**
3. Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, completion of twelve (12) credit hours of study from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees, **and** four (4) years of satisfactory full-time paid accounting experience involving the maintenance of general books of account and preparation of financial statements.

DUTIES: This is a responsible position performing various accounting functions. Incumbents in this position maintain and participate in the accounting control procedures for funds budgeted for the departments. Works under the general supervision of an administrator of higher rank. Does related work as required.

DRUG SCREENING: Applicants may be required to undergo a drug-screening test to determine suitability for appointment in accordance with local policies. Applicants who test positive may be restricted from future certification.

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.

FEE WAIVERS: Waivers for the filing fee must be completed in full and you are responsible for submitting all of the required documentation or your application will be disapproved.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY OR
POSTMARKED
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

A **non-refundable \$15.00 application fee** must accompany each application. Submit **check or money order *only*** - payable to: **Niagara County Civil Service**

ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED: August 2, 2010

EXAMINATION DATE
OCTOBER 30, 2010

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION – There will be a written test which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. The written test is designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. **Fundamentals of account keeping and bookkeeping** - These questions test for a knowledge of basic principles and practices of account keeping and bookkeeping. The questions test for recognizing account keeping and bookkeeping terms, concepts and relationships; recording financial transactions; and solving elementary problems in account keeping and bookkeeping.

2. **Understanding and interpreting tabular material** - These questions test your ability to understand, analyze, and use the internal logic of data presented in tabular form. You may be asked to perform tasks such as completing tables, drawing conclusions from them, analyzing data trends or interrelationships, and revising or combining data sets. The concepts of rate, ratio, and proportion are tested. Mathematical operations are simple, and computational speed is not a major factor in the test.

3. **Understanding and interpreting written material** - These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: Use of calculators is **RECOMMENDED**. Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with **TYPEWRITER KEYBOARDS** such as **Computers, Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries**, or any similar devices **are prohibited**.

CANDIDATES NOTE: You are responsible for completing all sections of the official application. To receive credit for experience on a job, basic information such as address, name and title of supervisor, hours in the work week, final salary, and duties performed by you, must be shown. Be very specific in explaining experience that will qualify you for the position sought. Ambiguity and vagueness will not be resolved in your favor...**EACH SEPARATE SHEET ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED.**

COLLEGE CREDITS MUST BE VERIFIED WITH AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. If you have listed college or special courses on your application it will be necessary for you to request **that your institute forward to us** an official transcript or special course certificate. These documents must be received in our office by the time your name is considered for possible appointment. **These documents must be received in our office by the time your name is considered for possible appointment.** *If these documents are not on file prior to canvassing/certification for vacant positions, your name will not be canvassed/certified and your name will be removed from consideration for all appointments.*

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

Please review - “IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES” - prior to filing for this examination.

Niagara County Civil Service #964
