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MADISON COUNTY PERSONNEL/CIVIL SERVICE
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
WAMPSVILLE, NEW YORK

#62774 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK
(Open Competitive)

#78126 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK
(Promotion)

DATE OF EXAMINATION:
February 11, 2023

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL:
December 22, 2022 by 4 p.m.

To apply for exams:

- **Online:** Go to <https://madison-portal.mycivilservice.com/exams>.
- **By Mail:** Applications can be downloaded from the Personnel Department's website at: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/301/Personnel-Forms>.
- Applications must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. Carefully compare your qualifications against the minimum qualifications listed on the announcement and apply for only those examinations for which you clearly meet the required qualifications.

SALARY: Salary varies in those jurisdictions whose Civil Service is administered by the Madison County Department of Personnel/Civil Service.

VACANCIES: The eligible lists established as a result of these examinations will be used to fill present and future vacancies as they occur in Madison County Departments, towns, villages, special district and school districts under the jurisdiction of the Madison County Department of Personnel/Civil Service.*

***Where a vacancy exists for Principal Account Clerk, preference in certification from the Promotional Eligible List will be given to candidates employed in the department or jurisdiction where the vacancy exists. Those candidates who qualify for the Promotion Exam may be also file an application for Open-Competitive exam in order to be considered for vacancies in other departments or jurisdictions. The Open Competitive List will be certified after the Promotional List has been exhausted.**

OPEN COMPETITIVE-RESIDENCY: There are no residency requirements to take this examination. Preference in certification may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of Madison County for at least one month prior to the date of certification.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position is responsible for planning and overseeing complex account keeping activities and independently performing the most important phases of such work. The work is carried out in accordance with outlined policies and procedures, with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment. Work is performed under general supervision of the higher level financial officer. Supervision is exercised over the work of subordinate clerical employees. The incumbent does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: OPEN COMPETITIVE: Either

- (A) Possession of a Bachelor's Degree, or higher, in Accounting; or
- (B) Graduation from a high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and four years of full-time paid, or its part-time equivalent, progressively responsible experience in maintaining financial accounts and records; or
- (C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

NOTE: Degrees must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States and its territories, the candidate must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. Candidates will be required to pay the evaluation fee.

PROMOTION: Limited to employees in a County department or jurisdiction where the title of Principal Account Clerk currently exists and who have at least two years of continuous permanent competitive class status in a senior clerical title in a jurisdiction whose Civil Service is administered by the Madison County Department of Personnel/Civil Service.

Seniority Points will be added to the written test score of candidates who pass the written test in accordance with County policy. Rating is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service. A copy of the seniority policy is available from the Madison County Personnel/Civil Service Department or a copy is posted on the Madison County Personnel Department's intranet page.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS: 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 as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

OPEN COMPETITIVE ONLY - PRE-PLACEMENT PHYSICAL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCREENING: When you are offered a permanent, full-time or permanent, part-time appointment at Madison County, the offer of employment will be contingent upon successful completion of a pre-placement physical and controlled substance screening prior to employment.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

Understanding and Interpreting Written Material - These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions **only** on what is presented in the passages and **not** on what you may happen to know about the topic.

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.

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. **You should bring with you a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test.** You will **not** be permitted to use the **calculator** function of your **cell phone**.

Supervision - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale and discipline.

Use of a hand-held, battery or solar powered calculator for this exam is RECOMMENDED. Cell phones and 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.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES: A Guide for the Written Test for **Higher Level Account Clerical** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.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.

NOTE: Bring positive identification to the written examination such as a driver's license, passport or student identification which contains a photo and your signature. Candidates will not be admitted without the proper identification.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION: Accepted candidates will be notified by letter when and where to appear for this examination. If notice of acceptance or disapproval is not received at least three days prior to the examination date, please call this office at (315) 366-2341.

The written test is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to the written test.

FOR OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMS ONLY: ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION CREDIT TO CHILDREN OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of deputy sheriffs 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 deputy sheriff 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 the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

VETERAN'S CREDIT: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. [Applications](#) for veteran's credit are available from this office. Veteran's credit can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Candidates currently in the armed forces may apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credit.

THOSE REQUIRING RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS, DISABLED PERSONS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY: IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING ARE REQUIRED, INDICATE THIS ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON YOUR APPLICATION WHEN YOU FILE. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES MUST BRING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO THE EXAMINATION AS THIS WILL BE USED AS THEIR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IN THE EXAMINATION.

ISSUED: November 23, 2022

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Madison County
Personnel Officer

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