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

#60420 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
(Open Competitive)

<u>DATE OF EXAMINATION:</u> May 13, 2023	<u>APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL:</u> March 31, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.
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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: Varies by Municipality

VACANCIES: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill present and future vacancies as they occur in the Madison County Towns and Villages under the jurisdiction of the Madison County Department of Personnel/Civil Service.

RESIDENCY: There are no residency requirements for this examination. Preference in certification may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the jurisdiction where appointment is being made 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 is important office management and liaison work involving the frequent use of independent judgment in planning and coordinating the non-technical activities of a department. The work involves responsibility for personally handling administrative functions in areas such as budgeting, personnel management, fiscal management, reporting and program evaluation, in order to free the time of the department head for planning, policy making and for attention to duties requiring technical knowledge. The work is performed in accordance with policies and objectives outlined by the department head with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out details of the work. Supervision is exercised over a clerical staff. The incumbent does related work as required.

- MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Either:
- (A) Possession of a bachelor's degree or higher level degree and one year of full-time paid, or its part-time equivalent, experience in office management which involved the supervision of clerical employees, or
 - (B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and five years of full-time paid, or its part-time equivalent, experience in office or program management, accounting or finance, one year of which involved the supervision of clerical employees; 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.

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

Preparing Written Material - These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

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.

Office Management - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices of planning, organizing and controlling the activities of an office and directing those performing office activities so as to achieve predetermined objectives such as accomplishing office work within reasonable limits of time, effort and cost expenditure. Typical activities may include but will not be restricted to: simplifying and improving procedures, increasing office efficiency, improving the office work environment and controlling office supplies.

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.

Working with Office Records - These questions test your ability to work with office records. The test consists of two or more sets of questions, each set concerning a different problem. Typical record keeping problems might involve the organization or collation of numerical data from several sources; maintaining a record system using running balances; or completion of a table summarizing data using totals, subtotals, averages and percents. **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**.

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: The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

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.

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: March 15, 2023

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Madison County
Personnel Officer

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