



# Department of Human Resources & Civil Service

## Open Competitive Training & Experience Exam Announcement

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### SSP-0601-21 Senior Systems Programmer

- Application Fee: **\$15.00**
- Examination Date: **June 1, 2021** – This exam will be administered online. All candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will be sent further details on this date.
- Application Deadline: **April 5, 2021** – Applications must be submitted online or filed in our office by 5PM or postmarked by this date.
- Who May Apply: **Qualified residents of Monroe County**
- Salary: **\$70,000 - \$85,000 annually (BOCES #1)**
- Employment Opportunities: **BOCES #1 has one (1) position** currently held by a provisionally appointed employee, who may be appointed on a permanent basis if found reachable on a civil service list established as a result of this exam.

The results of this exam may be used to fill vacancies, which may occur during the life of the eligible list.

#### Minimum Qualifications:

Candidates must meet the following minimum requirements on or before the date of the written exam:

EITHER:

- (A) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, plus four (4) years paid full-time or its part-time equivalent\* experience in computer operators activities two (2) years of which shall have been in programming, or, in operating systems software development; OR,
- (B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college with an Associate's degree in Computer Science or related field, plus two (2) years paid full-time or its part-time equivalent\* experience in programming or in operating systems software development; OR,
- (C) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree plus three (3) years of paid-full time or its part-time equivalent\* experience in computer operations activities, two (2) years of which shall have been in programming or in operating systems software development, OR;
- (D) An equivalent combination of education and experience as defined by the limits of (A), (B), and (C) above.

#### Special Requirements:

Candidates will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test for employment with Monroe County Government.

\* part-time equivalent experience is as follows:

- 0-9 hours per week = no credit
- 10-19 hours per week = 1/4 (one-quarter) of full-time work
- 20-29 hours per week = 1/2 (one-half) of full-time work
- 30 hours or more per week = full-time work

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An Equal Opportunity Employer

Work experience must be paid full-time, or its part-time equivalent. Employment dates, average number of hours worked per week, and job duties must be included.

**Residency Requirement:**

Applicants must be residents of Monroe County for at least four (4) months at the time of examination.

**Fees:**

A \$15.00 **non-refundable** Application Fee for each examination for which you apply is to be paid with your application, unless the fee is waived for that examination.

Make check or money order payable to: Monroe County Director of Finance

Write the LAST FOUR DIGITS of your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND EXAM NUMBER(S) ON YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

Be sure to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements listed and file only for those examinations for which you clearly qualify and intend to take. We cannot prescreen applications submitted without the fee. No refunds will be made if your application is disapproved or you fail to appear for the test. There is a \$15.00 charge for returned checks. We do not accept cash.

**Exception to Fee Requirement:**

A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. Employees of Monroe County who are represented by the Federation of Social Workers, Local 381, are eligible for this waiver for all exams if they are in salary group 52 and below; employees in a salary group above 52 are eligible for the fee waiver, if the examination is for a title in their career field. Employees of Monroe County who are represented by C.S.E.A., Local 828, are eligible for this waiver, if they are in salary group 10 or below. The fee is waived for all Monroe County employees taking promotional exams. Individuals wishing to claim this waiver of fee must complete a request for application fee waiver and certification request located on the last page of the application. Such claims are subject to later verification and, if not supported by appropriate documentation are grounds for barring appointment.

**Description of Duties:**

This is an important senior technical position in the technical support section of data processing involving the maintenance of computer software programs and development of additional control programs as required. Employees work with operations, programmers, analysts, and users in solving problems of a technical nature. The senior systems programmer maintains installation sample system test set and tests new software using the system test set, before putting new or modified software into production. The work is performed under the general supervision of Associate Systems Programmer. Supervision is exercised over Systems Programmers.

**Scope of Examination:**

The examination will consist of two parts: a rated evaluation of training and experience and a qualifying PC-administered test. You must pass the evaluation of training and experience in order to take the qualifying PC-administered test. You must pass **both** tests in order to be considered for appointment. Only your rating on the evaluation of training and experience will be considered when computing final scores.

**Rated Evaluation of Training and Experience:**

All candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will be sent a letter directing them to a web-site to complete a questionnaire that asks for specific facts about your information technology education (formal degrees, IT-related training courses, certifications) and experience. You will also be asked to briefly describe a significant achievement in each of the job's areas and to provide the name and contact information for someone who can verify your information. The information you provide about your experience will be rated against the following areas:

- Computer Programming
- User Support
- Data Communications
- Business/Systems Analysis

**Qualifying PC-administered test:**

Only a sufficient number of candidates needed to fill the present vacancies will be called to take part in this qualifying portion of the examination. As additional vacancies occur, other candidates who were successful on the written portion of the examination will be invited to take the qualifying PC-administered test. The qualifying PC-administered written test will be designed to test for knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. Reasoning and Interpreting Instructions for Computer-Related Positions

These questions test for ability to reason logically and interpret instructions in a computer-related context. They cover verbal and quantitative reasoning, flowchart interpretation and applying written directions. The verbal and quantitative reasoning questions include logical implications (e.g., if A and B, then C) and relations (e.g., greater than). Knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division is necessary, but neither mathematical sophistication nor computational speed is needed. The flowchart interpretation questions require prior knowledge of flowchart conventions. The interpreting instructions questions provide the instructions and specific rules for applying them. All the information needed to answer the questions is presented with the questions.

2. Working Effectively with Others to Solve Job-Related Problems

This test requires candidates to assume the role of a staff member in an Information Technology work group who is working with colleagues during a time of change in policy or procedure, in a particular agency. During the test, candidates will be required to deal with obstacles within the working environment, which includes peer relations and the demands of handling multiple tasks. Candidates will be required to demonstrate the ability to be flexible, creative and persistent as a team player. They will also need to demonstrate the ability to cooperate, show initiative, and establish positive working relationships with peers and administrators.

3. User Support and Training

The test requires candidates to assume the role of a staff member in a Help Desk support unit. Candidates will be presented with a users problem. During the course of handling the problem, candidates will be required to: demonstrate communication skills, apply troubleshooting practices and tools, determine the appropriate level of training needed by the user, and educate the user on the proper use of computers.

Qualifying test scores may be banked and applied to future examinations for up to **five (5) years** for titles that require the same test plan.

This examination 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 this examination.

----- **BASIC CIVIL SERVICE INFORMATION** -----

**Applications:**

If you are applying for more than one exam, a separate application is required for each exam. Applications may be obtained at the address or web-site indicated at the bottom of the first page of this announcement.

**Candidates must record the Exam Number and Title on the Application.**

**Note:**

Submission of a resume does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing all sections of the official application. The resume is a supplement to the application, and not a substitute for it. To receive credit for a job, basic employment information such as address, name and title of supervisor, average number of hours in the workweek, final salary, reason for leaving, specific job duties, your job title, etc. must be shown.

**Eligible List:**

Successful candidates will have their names placed on an eligible list for this title in order of their rating, regardless of the date on which they take the test. Candidates' scores from the different testing dates may be interfiled. The names of the successful candidates will remain on the eligible list for at least one (1) year to fill present and future vacancies.

**Certifications and Appointments:**

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be established in accordance with the final earned numerical rating of passing candidates regardless of residence. A municipality or district may exercise its right under Section 23 of the Civil Service Law to request an initial certification of eligibles who have been residents of that municipality or district for at least one (1) month on the date of certification and who are also legal residents of the appointing jurisdiction at the time of appointment, in accordance with their numerical

rating. After the names of residents have been exhausted the Commission must then certify in regular rank order the names of non-residents on the list.

**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.

**Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and BOCES:**

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.

**Veteran's Credits:**

Veterans entitled to and wishing to claim additional points must file in the Monroe County Department of Human Resources an Application for Veteran's Credits (VC-1) form, and a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Disabled veterans must also file two (2) copies of an Authorization for Veteran's Disability Record (VC-4) with Veterans Affairs. These forms are available at the Monroe County Department of Human Resources and must be filed within thirty (30) days of the examination date. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

Candidates currently on active duty may apply within thirty (30) days of the examination. Upon discharge, candidates must submit a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Any extra points will be applied upon our receipt of the discharge papers.

**Children of Firefighters and Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty:**

In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters 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 firefighter 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 must provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility within thirty (30) days of the examination date. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

**Issue Date:** March 16, 2021