

Department of Human Resources & Civil Service

Open Competitive Exam Announcement Please Post Conspicuously

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Examination Date: January 18, 2025

Application Deadline: December 11, 2024 – Applications must be submitted online or filed in our office by 5PM

or postmarked by this date.

Who May Apply: Qualified applicants

Salary: \$26.44 - \$36.06 hourly (BOCES #1)

\$22.50 hourly (Fairport Central School District) \$20.00 hourly (Gates-Chili Central School District) \$20.00 - \$23.04 hourly (Hilton Central School District) \$22.10 - \$24.96 hourly (Penfield Central School District) \$33,740 annually (Pittsford Central School District) \$19.50 - \$22.50 hourly (Webster Central School District) \$45,041 - \$57,480 annually (Monroe Community College)

Varies with other agencies

Employment Opportunities: The Fairport Central School District and Monroe Community College each have one

(1) position currently held by provisionally appointed employees, 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.

A Promotional exam is also being offered for qualified employees of BOCES #1; Fairport, Gates-Chili, Hilton, Penfield and Webster Central School Districts, and Monroe Community College.

Minimum Qualifications:

Candidates must meet the following minimum requirements on or before the date of the written exam: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, plus EITHER:

- (A) Two (2) years of paid full-time or its part-time equivalent* experience in both building cleaning <u>and</u> maintenance activities; OR,
- (B) One (1) year of paid full-time or its part-time equivalent experience in both building cleaning <u>and</u> maintenance activities, <u>plus</u> one (1) year of paid full-time or its part-time equivalent* experience as a skilled workman in either the carpentry, plumbing, painting or electrical trade; OR,
- (C) An equivalent combination of education and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

<u>NOTE</u>: Where education is <u>below</u> the minimum specified above, additional experience may be substituted on a year-for-year basis. College level training may not be substituted for the required work experience.

Anticipated Eligibility – Age and Educational Requirements:

According to Civil Service Law, section 54 which became effective September 4, 2024, applicants who are within 12 months of meeting the minimum age or attaining the minimum educational requirements following the date of examination, may

take the civil service exam, but will be restricted from certification until such a time that the minimum age or educational requirements are met. Candidates will be required to provide proof of qualifying education and/or age within 12 months of exam date in order to be eligible for appointment from a certified list.

Special Requirements:

If you are appointed, you will be required to have a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State or otherwise demonstrate your capacity to meet the transportation needs of the position.

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

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:

There is no residency requirement to participate in the examination.

Description of Duties:

This is a supervisory custodial/maintenance position responsible for the efficient and economical cleaning and maintenance of school buildings or other types of facilities. In smaller school districts work also involves the maintenance of grounds and athletic fields. The employee reports directly to, and works under the general supervision of, a higher level staff member with considerable leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in keeping buildings and equipment up to approved standards of cleanliness and operation. General supervision is exercised over lower level staff such as Cleaners, Laborers, and Custodians.

Scope of Examination:

The written, multiple-choice test will cover knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

Ability to read and follow written instructions

These questions test for the ability to read, understand and apply written instructions for performing tasks similar to those encountered on the job. All the information needed to answer these questions will be provided in the test booklet.

Building cleaning

These questions test for knowledge of basic principles and practices of building cleaning. They cover such areas as equipment, tools, supplies, methods and procedures for cleaning different types of surfaces and materials under various, commonly occurring circumstances.

Building operation and maintenance I

These questions test for knowledge of the basic principles, practices and techniques essential to the correct operation and maintenance of public buildings. They cover such areas as building maintenance; preventive maintenance, and minor repair of electrical and plumbing systems; methods and equipment for snow removal; building safety and equipment storage.

Operation and routine maintenance of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems

These questions test for knowledge of basic principles, practices and techniques essential to the correct operation and maintenance of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, including such areas as minor cleaning; room temperature and building ventilation control; steam, hot water and hot air heating systems; boiler operation; troubleshooting air conditioning system problems, and proper maintenance of air conditioning systems.

Supervision and training

These questions test for the knowledge required by a supervisor to set goals, plan and organize work, train workers in how to do their jobs, and direct workers towards meeting established goals. The supervisory questions cover such areas as assigning and reviewing work, evaluating performance, maintaining work quality, motivating employees, increasing efficiency, and dealing with problems that may arise on the job. The training questions

cover such areas as determining the necessity for training, selecting appropriate training methods, and evaluating the effectiveness of training.

Calculators and Reference Materials:

Most civil service written tests do not require the use of a calculator or slide rule. However, the use of calculators is **ALLOWED** for this exam. Candidates have the option of bringing a hand-held, quiet, battery or solar-powered arithmetic calculator or a slide rule to the test room. Candidates will not be permitted to use calculators containing spell check, dictionary, language translator, address or telephone book, personal digital assistants, or typewriter keyboard features, or any similar devices. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

A "Guide for the Written Test for High-Level Custodians/Janitors" is available in the Monroe County Civil Service Office in Room 210, County Office Building, 39 West Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614 and on the Monroe County website (www.monroecounty.gov). This guide contains sample test questions similar to the questions that will be used in this written test. If you would like one mailed to your home address, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address.

This written examination is being 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 the 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.

------ 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.

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 will 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.

Active Military Members:

Special testing arrangements may be available to applicants who are active military members. For further information contact the Monroe County Department of Human Resources before submitting an application.

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.

Special Arrangements for Examination:

If you need an alternate test date because you are a Religious Observer [for religious reasons, cannot be tested on date of examination(s)], if you have a disability that requires special accommodations for you to participate in an examination, or if you require any other kind of special accommodations, you must notify us at the address or telephone numbers listed on the front page of this announcement by the application deadline. Indicate your request on the front of your application for each exam, and under separate cover submit a statement outlining the reason for your request, the exam number(s) and title(s), and attach supporting documentation.

Multiple Exam Takers:

Persons also applying for examinations offered by the City of Rochester and/or New York State Civil Service Commission held on the same date must complete a crossfiler form, available from the Monroe County Department of Human Resources, which will provide for special arrangements. Arrangements must be made to take **ALL** examinations at **ONE** test site. Unless this form is filed with the Monroe County Department of Human Resources three (3) weeks prior to the exam date, we cannot ensure that such arrangements will be made. If you are taking multiple exams on the same date with Monroe County Civil Service Commission only, you do not have to file a cross-filer form.

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in <u>different</u> exam series will be allowed the specified length of time for each exam, up to a maximum of eight (8) hours. Example: If you are taking one (1) exam which allows six (6) hours and another exam in a different series which allows four (4) hours, you must complete both tests in eight (8) hours, but you can spend no more time on each exam than the time allotted for that exam.

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in the <u>same</u> exam series will be allowed up to the specified length of time for each exam. Example: If you are taking two (2) exams in the same series with a maximum time of five (5) hours for each exam, you can spend no more than five (5) hours to complete both exams.

Admission to Examination:

All applications will be reviewed after the "Closing Date for Filing" listed on the front page of this announcement. If there is a problem with your application, you will be notified in writing and given an opportunity to submit additional information to support your application. If there are no problems with your application, you will be sent an admission notice approximately one week before the exam date.

If you have not received your admission notice to appear for the examination <u>three days</u> before the date of the exam, call the Monroe County Department of Human Resources at (585) 753-1700.

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