

JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
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***A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF \$15 MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION**
PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICATION IN ITS' ENTIRETY - DO NOT SEND RESUME.

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION
FOR
NO. 65-966 SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSISTANT

VACANCIES: At present, one vacancy exists with Jefferson-Lewis BOCES

SALARY: \$22,836 - \$26,012

CANDIDATES MUST HAVE BEEN LEGAL RESIDENTS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY OR CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES (Lewis, St. Lawrence, Oswego) FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN TEST.

LAST FILING DATE: August 30, 2019

EXAMINATION DATE: October 19, 2019

Disabled Persons and Persons needing Religious Accommodation: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following requirements on or before the date of the written test:

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a bachelor's degree in psychology, social work, counseling, child development, education, or closely related field and one year of experience in a human services agency working with youth; or
- B. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an associate's degree in psychology, social work, counseling, child development, education, or closely related field and three years of experience in a human services agency working with youth; or
- C. Any equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of A. and B. above.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THEIR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT AT TIME OF APPLICATION.

NOTE: Finger printing may be required for this position. Any fee will be paid by the applicant.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (illustrative only)

Makes home visits to ascertain reasons for student absences and discusses school requirements in this regard;
Visits new families in school district to welcome them and explain school program;
Makes home visits to discuss student's performance and offers guidance and instruction in areas of improving personal hygiene, health care, and parenting skills;
Refers families of students to community agencies for services where appropriate and may accompany family on first visit;
Maintains contact with community resource agencies including Family Court to keep abreast of services offered and progress of students and families referred for services;
Participates in student-teacher conferences;
Confers regularly with school psychologist, counselors, and administrators and reports on contact with students and families;
May participate as part of a team in determining child's readiness for kindergarten and early school placement;
Prepares a variety of related reports, records, and evaluations.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION: Written test will cover knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

Advising and interacting with others

These questions test for the ability to interact with other people in order to gather and present information and to provide assistance and advice in a courteous and professional manner.

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.

Working with youth

These questions test for the principles and practices of providing counseling, supervision and other services to youth. Questions may cover such topics as adolescent development, counseling, crisis intervention, interviewing, supervising and guiding youth, and working with families and community service providers.

Test guide:

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>.

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 written test.

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NOTE: Candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. 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, reference materials, devices, or calculators which provide assistance beyond simple numerical computation.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: With the exception of written tests announced by New York City, if you have applied to take a written test announced by New York State or any local jurisdiction (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must indicate all pertinent examination (exam number, title, and location/jurisdiction) information on a separate piece of paper and submit it with your application.

CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE PLACE OF THE EXAMINATION.

*A **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of \$15 is required for each separately-numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. Send check or money order payable to the **Jefferson County Treasurer** and write the examination title(s) and number(s) on your check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** File only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. An exception to the fee requirement will be made only for persons who provide proof that they are unemployed and are primarily responsible for the support of the household; or who are receiving Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 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. Individuals wishing to claim this waiver of fee must complete an **Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification Form**. This form is available at the Jefferson County Department of Human Resources office. Such claims are subject to later verification and, if not supported by appropriate documentation are grounds for barring appointment.

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