

ALLEGANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES/CIVIL SERVICE

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**A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF \$15.00
MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION FOR EACH EXAMINATION**

EXAMINATION TITLE: Probation Officer Trainee

NUMBER: 69927

OPEN COMPETITIVE

SALARY: \$21.20~ \$26.45/hr.

EXAMINATION DATE: June 23, 2018*

Applications must be received in this office by **4:00 PM** May 2, 2018 or be postmarked with that date.

*Please contact this office if you do not receive your admission notice within three days of the examination date.

Vacancies: The eligible list resulting from this exam will be used to fill vacancies and all future vacancies as they occur in the Allegany County Probation Department.

Candidates must have been legal residents of Allegany County and adjoining counties (Wyoming, Livingston, Steuben, Cattaraugus, McKean, and Potter Counties) for at least one month immediately preceding the date of the written examination. Preference may be given to residents of Allegany County or a political subdivision of Allegany County.

An official application form must be filed for each examination. You are responsible for completing all sections of the application. Exam number and title must be recorded on the application. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY BE DISAPPROVED.** For further information/application forms, contact the Allegany County Civil Service Department, 7 Court Street, County Office Building, Belmont, NY 14813-1081 – Phone 585/268-9212.

ATTENTION CROSS-FILERS:

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT:

-If you have applied for **both State and Local** government examinations, you must take your examinations at the State examination center. You are required to notify the Allegany County Civil Service Office no later than **two weeks before** the test date by submitting a Cross Filing Form. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examinations.

-If you have applied for **other Local** government exams, you may select which location to appear for the exams. You are required to notify the Allegany County Civil Service Office no later than **two weeks before** the test date by submitting a Cross Filing Form. You must also notify all local government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of the test site at which you wish to take your exams.

The Cross Filing Form may be found on our website at: <http://www.alleganyco.com>, click on Human Resources/Civil Service at the website.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university, or one recognized by the New York State Education Department, with at least thirty (30) credit hours in the social or behavioral sciences.

APPLICATION FEE: In accordance with Civil Service Law Section 50, this Civil Service Department will be collecting a fee of \$15.00 from examination applicants for each separate examination for which they apply. The **\$15.00** fee applies to this examination. The required \$15.00 fee must accompany your application and must be in the form of either a money order payable to the Allegany County Treasurer or cash (**exact amount only please, we cannot make change**). **PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** As **no refund** will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the specified minimum qualifications and file for the exam only if you are clearly qualified.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: 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. **ALL CLAIMS FOR APPLICATION FEE WAIVER ARE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION.** **If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver,** complete a “Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification” form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the application deadline as listed at the beginning of this announcement. Contact the Allegany County Civil Service Department, 7 Court Street, Belmont, NY 14813, Phone: 585/268-9212 for the Application Fee Waiver and Certification form.

DUTIES:

Performs varied duties related to investigation and supervision in a local probation agency while participating in a continuous in-service training program. The trainee level is used to recruit to the probation field, college graduates with a career interest in probation. Trainees receive on-the-job training while performing duties of a limited professional nature under close and continuing supervision. Does related work as required.

Trainee appointments are for a period of one year, following which incumbents receiving satisfactory ratings will be advanced to the title of probation officer without further examination.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:

1. Principles and practices of offender counseling and supervision

These questions test for the knowledge and application of principles and practices of offender counseling and supervision in a law enforcement setting. Questions present situations typically encountered while establishing and maintaining working relationships with offenders, such as obtaining information from offenders, exploring offenders' social, psychological, or legal problems, and supervising offender rehabilitation. Candidates will be required to choose the best analysis of, solution to, or approach for handling the problem described. Specific knowledge of laws, rules, regulations, or procedures regarding offender counseling and supervision is not required to answer these questions.

2. Preparing written material

These questions test for the ability to write the kinds of reports and correspondence required in criminal justice settings such as probation and parole. Some questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately. Others test for the ability to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has prepared *A Guide to the Written Test for entry-level positions in the Entry and Upper Level Probation Series* test guide for this examination and candidates may also find the information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. These publications are available on line at:

www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm

Religious Observers – Disabled Persons: If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application form.

VETERANS OR DISABLED VETERANS desiring to claim additional credit may make application for such additional credit on their application for examination or at any time between the date of the application and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Veterans credit is added only to the score of the exam when the passing grade of 70 or higher is attained by the candidate.

ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION CREDIT TO 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 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.

Use of calculators is **ALLOWED**

This written exam is being prepared and rated by the NYS Dept. of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the NYS Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of exams will apply to this examination.

ISSUED: 4/3/18

ALLEGANY COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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