Examination Notice

LIBRARIAN III—DECENTRALIZED
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE – OPEN COMPETITIVE
EXAM #87138

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 19, 2024

SALARY: $30.67/Hr.

EXAM FEE: There is no exam fee.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR EXAM: Candidates must have been legal residents of Chemung County for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of the written test and must meet residency requirements at the time of certification from resulting eligible list. Residency is determined by the address listed on a driver’s license or non-driver identification card and voter registration. Verification of these documents may be required.

FOR APPOINTMENT IN SOME JURISDICTIONS, you may be required to become a resident in accordance with law or resolution.

VACANCIES: This examination is being held to fill vacancies, as they may occur in the Chemung County Library District.

ELIGIBLE LISTS: Candidates who meet the qualifications and who are successful in an examination will have their names placed on the eligible list in order of final score. The names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible lists for a minimum of one (1) year and up to a maximum of four (4) years.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a Master’s degree in Library Science (MLS) or a Master's of Science in Information Science (MSIS) from a library school that is accredited by the American Library Association or recognized by the New York State Education Department AND four (4) years of professional library experience in a library of recognized standing.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a public librarian's professional certificate at time of application for appointment; possession of certificate at time of appointment.

JOB DESCRIPTION: This position involves responsibility for professional supervision of the work of a major library unit. The Librarian III has responsibility for coordination, administration and policy implementation for the assigned areas to insure efficient operation. Work is performed with independent judgment, under the general supervision of the Library Director. Supervision is exercised over the work of subordinate professional, paraprofessional, clerical and volunteer personnel. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required.
SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: There will be no written or oral test for this examination. If you meet the minimum qualifications, you will receive a rating based upon an evaluation of your training and experience against the duties of the position being tested.

Candidates must first complete an examination application and return it to the Chemung County/City of Elmira Regional Civil Service Office on or before the last filing date of January 19, 2024.

Approved candidates will be sent a notice containing directions to a website address needed to complete a Training and Experience Questionnaire.

The Training and Experience Questionnaire will be available on February 1, 2024, and approved candidates will be required to complete and submit this questionnaire between February 1, 2024 and midnight February 29, 2024.

NOTE: Candidates will not be able to claim any credit for training or experience gained after the application filing deadline of January 19, 2024.

Candidates who fail to submit a questionnaire by midnight, February 29, 2024, will not receive a rating.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TEST/BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Candidates being considered for appointment may be required to pass a pre-employment drug test and/or undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to pass the pre-employment drug test or to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Applications: A regular application form must be filed for each separate examination. The applicant should make sure that every question is answered and that the application is complete in all respects. An incomplete application may be disapproved. There is a $15.00 non-refundable exam fee (the fee for Uniformed Protective Services exams is $20.00). The fee must be paid at the time the application is filed and must be paid in cash, check or money order, made payable to the Regional Civil Service Commission. There is a $30.00 fee for returned checks with non-sufficient funds. Before filling out your application, read carefully the announcement for this examination. When completing your application be sure to enter, at the top of page 1, the examination number which identifies the examination for which you are filing. Applications postmarked after midnight of the “Last Filing Date” will not be considered eligible for this examination.

Waiver of Exam Fee: The exam fee may be waived for the following reasons:

• You are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of your household.

• You are receiving financial assistance from the Department of Social Services. Applications and Waiver of Application Fee forms are available at the Chemung County/City of Elmira Regional Civil Service Commission, P.O. Box 588, 203 Lake Street, Elmira, New York 14902-0588. Telephone: (607) 737-2811. When submitting your waiver form, please provide proof of eligibility, such as a check stub or benefit card.

Qualification Process: Upon review of applications, candidates will either be disqualified or conditionally approved. Disqualified candidates will be afforded the opportunity to submit facts in opposition to disqualification. Statements in the applications of conditionally approved applicants may be investigated at a later date. The Regional Commission may refuse to certify an eligible after examination pursuant to Section 50.4 of Civil Service Law who is found to lack any of the established requirements for admission to the examination or for appointment to the position for which he applies. No person shall be disqualified pursuant to this subdivision unless he has been given a written statement of the reasons therefore and afforded an opportunity to make an explanation and to submit facts in opposition to such disqualification. “Minimum qualifications that require years of experience will only be considered as qualifying if it is “paid experience.” Internships, and volunteer work will only be accepted if it is clearly stated in the minimum qualification section.

Admission to the Exam: Accepted candidates will receive an admission letter which tells when and where to appear for the exam. No one will be admitted to the examination without the official admission letter. If an application is rejected, a disapproval letter will be sent to you. The Regional Civil Service Commission does NOT make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application; however, you should contact the Regional Civil Service Commission if you do not receive a notice within three (3) days of the examination informing you whether or not you are to be admitted to the examination.

Multiple Exams on the Same Day: Qualified candidates may take a combination of examinations being given on the same date. Prior to submitting applications for multiple exams, you may check with the Civil Service office for the maximum time allowance to complete all of the exams.

Religious Accommodation: Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, check the area on the examination application (page 1, C) “Religious Accommodation”. We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date.

Veterans’ Credits: Veterans and disabled veterans desiring to claim additional credit must submit veteran’s credit forms prior to the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Effective January 1, 1998 the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran’s credit in examinations. Active members of the armed forces must provide proof of military status to receive conditional credit. Further information and applications are available at the Regional Civil Service Commission office.

Additional Credit for 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.

Failing Examination/Failure to Appear: Candidates who fail the examination, or who fail to appear for the examination as scheduled, will be eliminated from further consideration.

Eligible Lists: Unless otherwise specified, the final rank order of the eligible list established, as a result of this exam, will be determined on the basis of the scores received on the written test, plus veterans and seniority credits where appropriate. The resulting eligible list for this examination will remain in force for at least one (1) year and may be extended by the Regional Civil Service Commission for a maximum of four (4) years.

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 exams will apply to this examination.

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