

# OSWEGO COUNTY



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## EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

### SENIOR TYPIST

**EXAMINATION NUMBER:** 23148 (Open to the Public)  
23149 (Promotional Open to Oswego County, Town, Village, School District and Special District Employees Only)

**EXAMINATION DATE:** EXAMINATION HELD PERIODICALLY

**LAST FILING DATE:** APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED CONTINUOUSLY

**EXAM FEE:** Exam Fee Waived

**PAY RATE:** County rate: \$17.45 per hour. Varies in other jurisdictions.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** This work involves the performance of moderately difficult duties involving the use of computers to produce correspondence, records, reports, tables, documents and other materials. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level employee permitting the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out details of the work. Depending on the agency assignment, an incumbent may function as secretary to a department head. Specific instructions may be given for new or unusual assignments. Supervision may be exercised over the work of clerical employees depending on work assignments and office staffing pattern. The incumbent does related work as required.

**OPEN-COMPETITIVE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND VACANCIES:** There are no residency requirements for this exam, however, preference in appointment may be given to legal residents of Oswego County, or the school districts, towns, villages, special districts, or Oswego County departments where the vacancies occur. The eligible list resulting from this exam will be used to fill vacancies in Oswego County departments, school districts, and municipalities under the jurisdiction of the Oswego County Director of Human Resources. The promotional list will be certified **prior** to the open-competitive list when filling vacancies for this title. **NOTE:** The cities of Fulton and Oswego and their school districts are **not** under the jurisdiction of the Oswego County Director of Human Resources.

**OPEN-COMPETITIVE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Education, specialized background, training and experience.

- A. Completion of sixty (60) semester credit hours; **OR**
- B. Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and two (2) years of experience in a clerical position involving typing or data entry; **OR**
- C. Three (3) years of clerical experience which involved typing or data entry; **OR**
- D. An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of "A", "B", and "C" above.

**NOTE:** Your degree or credit hours must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree or credit hours were awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of

equivalency. You may contact the Human Resources Department for a list of acceptable companies who provide this service. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

**NOTE:** Please indicate amount of typing or data entry experience on your application.

**NOTE:** Unless otherwise noted, experience credited towards meeting the minimum qualifications must be paid work experience. Volunteer experience will only be credited if specified on the exam announcement.

Positions within the Health Department:

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Participation in Public Health emergency preparedness drills and responses may be required. Select immunizations may be required at time of appointment or at any time throughout the course of employment according to New York State Department of Health or other oversight agency requirements.

Positions within the Probation Department, District Attorney and Sheriff's Office:

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Per the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy, Section 5.12, employees with access, or un-escorted access, to unencrypted FBI CJI (Criminal Justice Information) or access, or un-escorted access, to physically secure locations or controlled areas (during times of CJI processing) must undergo fingerprinting. NOTE: A criminal record does not necessarily disqualify from employment or access, or un-escorted access, to CJI. An individualized determination will be made as to how any conviction would impact suitability to handle access, or un-escorted access, to CJI. Security awareness training shall be required within six (6) months of initial employment and every two (2) years thereafter.

**PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must be permanently employed for 12 months in either a permanent competitive class position or a non-competitive class position, designated in accordance with Section 55a of the Civil Service Law, immediately preceding the date of the exam, either in an Oswego County Department clerical position grade four (4) or below or in an Oswego County town, village, school district or special district clerical position. Preference in appointment will be given to employees in the department where the vacancy occurs.

**PROMOTIONAL VACANCIES:** The eligible list resulting from this exam will be used to fill vacancies as they occur. Employees within the promotional unit of an Oswego County department, town, village, school district or special district where the vacancy occurs will be certified first for appointment. Candidates will be certified only for positions in their current jurisdiction. Candidates will be certified for appointment only to the civil division/school district in which they were employed on the date of the examination. Promotional candidates who wish to be eligible for positions in other jurisdictions should also apply to take the exam on an open-competitive basis.

**SENIORITY CREDITS:** Rating of seniority is based on the length of permanent, continuous, classified civil service status up to a maximum of twenty years. Seniority credits of 0.2 per year will be added to an eligible score.

**SCOPE OF THE WRITTEN EXAM:** A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

**1. Spelling:** These questions test for the ability to spell words that are used in written business communications.

**2. Grammar, usage, punctuation:** The grammar and usage questions test for the ability to apply the basic rules of grammar and usage. The punctuation questions test for a knowledge of the correct placement of punctuation marks in sentences.

**3. Keyboarding practices:** These questions test for a knowledge of preferred practices in such areas as letter format, capitalization, hyphenation, plurals, possessives, word division, word and figure style for numbers, and common proofreading marks. In addition, you will be given a passage to proofread and asked questions about how to correct the errors in the passage.

**4. Office record keeping:** These questions evaluate your ability to perform common office record keeping tasks. The test consists of two or more “sets” of questions, each set concerning a different problem. Typical record keeping problems might involve the organization or collation of data from several sources; scheduling; maintaining a record system using running balances; or completion of a table summarizing data using totals, subtotals, averages and percents.

**5. Office practices:** These questions test for a knowledge of generally agreed-upon practices governing the handling of situations which stenographers, typists, and secretaries encounter in their work, as well as a knowledge of efficient and effective methods used to accomplish office tasks. The questions will cover such topics as planning work flow; setting priorities; dealing effectively with staff, visitors, and callers; filing and retrieving information; safeguarding confidentiality; using office equipment; and making procedural decisions and recommendations which contribute to a well-managed office.

Use of a calculator is **PERMITTED** for this exam.

**TEST GUIDE:** The New York State Department of Civil Service has published a Senior Stenographer/Senior Typist Series Test Guide intended for candidate preparation use for this particular examination. This Test Guide contains important test related information as well as sample questions similar to the questions that will be used in this written test.

The New York State Department of Civil Service is making a copy of this Test Guide and other related information available on its Website at <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. In addition, a copy of this Test Guide is available upon request from the Oswego County Human Resources Department or may be downloaded from the web at <http://www.oswegocounty.com/studyguides>.

**CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT:** Applications are accepted continuously with exams being given as needed. When an exam is announced, applications for that date must be filed no later than the announced last filing date. The Human Resources Department reserves the right to terminate this special recruitment program at any time. Review of questions or appeal of ratings will not be allowed, as the opportunity for retest exists. Candidates may reapply to retake the written test six (6) months after the date of their last written test.

**ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Successful candidates in this examination will have their names placed on the eligible list in the order of final scores, regardless of the date on which they filed or took the examination. The names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible list for a minimum of one (1) year.

**PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS:** College graduates with student loans may be eligible to have part of their loan paid for after being employed in a full-time position at Oswego County. Additional information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>.

**MULTIPLE EXAMS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY (CROSS-FILING):**

- If you have applied to take exam(s) announced by another jurisdiction (county, city, state) scheduled on the same day as this exam, you must make arrangements (no later than two weeks before the date of the exam) to take all exams at one test site.

- If you have applied for both State and Local (county/city) government examinations, you must take all your examinations at the State examination center. You must notify the local government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of your intent to take both a State and Local exam on the same day. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examinations. You must bring all admission letters for all exams with you to the State site.
- If you have applied for multiple Local exams you must 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 examination. For Oswego County examinations complete a "Cross Filer Notification" form, available at the Oswego County Human Resources Department or online at <http://www.oswegocounty.com/humanresources/forms>, and send to Oswego County Human Resources Department, 46 East Bridge Street, Oswego, NY 13126 or FAX to (315) 349-8254 or call (315) 349-8209. **If you are taking multiple exams on the same date with the Oswego County Human Resources Department only, you do not have to file a cross filer form.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE POLICY:** Application/exam fee must be submitted to the Oswego County Human Resources Department or through the online portal before the close of business at 4:00 p.m. on the last file date listed on the Examination Announcement. Applications received via U.S. Mail will be accepted only if postmarked on or before the last file date. Applications that are received through inter-office mail, e-mail, or via facsimile must be received before the close of business at 4:00 p.m. on the last file date or they will not be accepted.

OSWEGO COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.

ISSUED: February 16, 2023  
Julie A. Bell  
Director of Human Resources

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications and additional information can be obtained at the Human Resources Department, Oswego County Office Building, 46 East Bridge Street, Oswego, New York 13126, or by calling (315) 349-8209, or on the web at <http://www.oswegocounty.com/humanresources>.
2. Applications postmarked after midnight of the **Last Filing Date** will not be considered eligible for this examination.
3. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification and possible legal action. Inquiries may be made as to character and ability and all statements made by candidates are subject to verification.
4. Applicants must answer every question on the application form. Incomplete applications will be disapproved.
5. Accepted candidates will be notified when and where to appear for exam. None will be admitted to the examination without the official admission notice. If an application is rejected, due notice will be sent. The department does **not** make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application.
6. If you have not received your notice to appear for the exam three days before the exam date, call (315) 349-8209.
7. If special arrangements for testing are required (i.e. religious observance, disability), submit written request describing your needs with the application form.
8. Unless otherwise noted, 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.
9. Active service members, veterans or disabled veterans desiring to claim additional credit may submit an "Application for Veteran's Credit" prior to the establishment of the eligible list. Forms are available upon request at the Human Resources Department.
10. Military Service members on active duty on the exam date may request a military makeup exam by calling (315) 349-8209. Members on active duty or discharged during the exam filing period may apply for the exam up to ten days before the exam date.
11. Per Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty are entitled to receive ten additional credits on an exam which may result in an original appointment in the municipality where the deceased parent served. Candidates eligible for additional credit should indicate this on their exam application.
12. Candidates who fail the examination, or who fail to appear for the examination as scheduled, will be eliminated from further consideration.
13. Under specific circumstances an alternate test date may be arranged in accordance with established policy. Your request and verifiable documentation should be submitted at least one week prior to the test date or in case of an emergency no later than 4:00 p.m. on the next business day following the test.
14. 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.
15. Unless otherwise specified, the final rank order of the eligible list established as a result of the exam will be determined on the basis of the scores received on the written test, plus veterans and seniority credits where appropriate.
16. The eligible list will remain in force for at least one (1) year and may be extended by the Director of Human Resources for a maximum of four (4) years. Changing conditions may make it necessary to certify future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.
17. Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and CITI: 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 CITI as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.
18. In accordance with the Child Abuse Prevention Act of 1985, candidates for appointment to Oswego County government positions which involve regular and substantial contact with children will be required to complete a State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment clearance form. Failure to complete this form may result in decertification of your name from this eligible list for appointments in Oswego County.
19. 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.