



Open Competitive Examination Announcement  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN**  
**Continuous Recruitment; T&E**

This examination will also be used to fill Advanced Emergency Medical Technician positions

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**CAREFULLY read the following:**

**Test Date:** Exams held periodically

**Application Deadline:** Applications are accepted and rated continuously.

No written examination. Applicants are rated based upon their **training and experience**. Review the information and instructions at the end of this announcement.

**Application Fee:** \$15.00

Application fee must accompany your application for each examination. Check or Money Order should be made payable to *Tioga County Treasurer*. Application fees are non-refundable. Applications without fee will not be considered for examination. *Please see additional information on application fees contained within this announcement.*

<b><u>LOCATION OF WORK</u></b>	<b><u>MINIMUM SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>VACANCIES</u></b>
Apalachin Fire District (AEMT)	To be determined by location	Anticipated
Town of Owego Fire District (EMST)	To be determined by location	Anticipated
Village of Owego (EMST)	To be determined by location	Anticipated

**Residency Requirements:** Candidates **ARE NOT** required to be legal residents of Tioga County immediately preceding the date of the written test. Preference **may be** given to residents of the civil division in which the vacancy exists. When preference in certification is given to residents of a municipality pursuant to subdivision 4a of Section 23 of the Civil Service Law, an eligible must have been, at the time of certification and for at least four months prior thereto, a resident of such municipality in order to be included in a certification as a resident of such municipality.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

**Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT):** Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and each of the following:

- Possession of a valid NYS Advanced Emergency Medical Technician – Critical Care or Paramedic certification (AEMT-CC or EMT-P); **and**
- Possession of a valid CPR and ACLS certificate from an organization recognized by the NYS Department of Health to issue such certificates; **and**
- Possession of a motor vehicle operator's license that is both valid and appropriate for the operation of district vehicles.

**Emergency Medical Service Technician (EMST):** Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and each of the following:

- Possession of a valid NYS EMT Certification; **and**
- Possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license appropriate for the operation of District vehicles.

**Special Note:** Applicants must provide copies of all required certifications and licenses at time of application.

\*While employed in either the AEMT or EMST classification, an incumbent must maintain valid certification and licensure of each of the above documents.

**Distinguishing Features of the Class:**

**Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT):** Under general supervision, an incumbent in this class provides advanced emergency medical treatment to individuals in distress and evaluates the quality and quantity of aid required.

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The position requires the ability to assess moderately complex to complex medical conditions and administer appropriate emergency treatment. Work is performed in accordance with Regional and State Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) protocols. Incumbents work under the general supervision of a designated supervisor representing the Fire District, and their work is reviewed for soundness of medical judgment and overall adequacy by the supervisor and the district's designated medical director for the EMS service. Does related work as required.

**Emergency Medical Service Technician (EMST):** Under general supervision, an incumbent in this class provides emergency medical treatment to individuals in distress and evaluates the quality and quantity of aid required. The position requires the ability to assess moderately complex to complex medical conditions and administer appropriate emergency treatment. Work is performed in accordance with Regional, State, and Federal Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) protocols. General supervision is received by Medical Director and/or Commissioner(s) representing a Fire District or designated supervisor representing a Fire Department.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES FOR THIS POSITION ARE AVAILABLE TO REVIEW UPON REQUEST**

**Subjects of Examination:** The only subject of examination will be an evaluation of your training and experience. You are, therefore, asked to include in your application a summary of all pertinent training and experience in sufficient detail so that your background may be evaluated against the duties of the position.

**Training:** In your summary, include all relevant college course work, formal in-service training, and seminars you have attended. You **must** specify either the number of credits received or the number of contact hours and dates of attendance.

**Experience:** In your summary, specify the dates of your employment, the number of hours worked each week, your title, and the main duties for each. Be specific; vagueness and ambiguity **will not** resolve in your favor. Candidates who submit incomplete applications or documentation may be disqualified.

**NOTE:** You are responsible for completing all sections of the official application. To receive credit for experience on a job, basic information such as address, name and title of supervisor, hours in the work week, final salary, etc. must be shown. Identification by means of SSN may be required. Applications available for download online: [www.tiogacountyny.com](http://www.tiogacountyny.com) or upon request from the Tioga County Department of Personnel & Civil Service.

**Eligible Lists:** Successful candidates will have their names placed on the eligible list in order of their final score. Candidate scores from different testing dates will be interfiled on the eligible list. A candidate's eligibility for appointment begins on the date their name is added to the eligible list and they will remain eligible for appointment for one (1) year from the date, unless their eligibility is extended by the Personnel Officer as provided for in Civil Service Law. Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the three highest standing candidates willing to accept appointment.

**Termination of Program:** Tioga County reserves the right to terminate this continuous recruitment program and re-establish the periodic type of examination.

**Application Fee:** A fee of **\$15.00** is required for each separately named or numbered examination for which you apply.

**SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** payable to **TIOGA COUNTY TREASURER** and write the examination name(s) & number(s) on your check or money order. If paying by cash, please bring payment(s) directly to the Tioga County Department of Personnel & Civil Service. As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. A check returned for insufficient funds may disqualify your application and result in further action and/or service charges.

EXCEPTION TO THE APPLICATION FEE will be made for the following:

1. Promotional exams;
2. Provisional Tioga County employees who have held a permanent position prior to provisional appointment in title named for this examination;
3. Examination candidates receiving public assistance from a State or Local social service agency, and/or who are currently unemployed. Individuals wishing to claim this waiver of fee must complete the Application Fee Waiver Form prior to the filing deadline. All information is subject to verification, and if found to be fraudulent, are grounds for barring examination or appointment.

Applications may be obtained from and must be submitted to the Tioga County Department of Personnel & Civil Service.

***Tioga County is an Equal Opportunity Employer***

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

**ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION CREDIT – 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 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.

**ALTERNATIVE TEST DATE:** When a candidate is aware of a conflict prior to the scheduled test date, the candidate should notify the Department of Personnel and Civil Service in writing as soon as possible. For emergency situations that occur on the scheduled written test date, the candidate must notify the Department no later than three (3) days following the Saturday on which the written test was held. This request may be made by a member of the immediate family or household in the event of a death in the immediate family or a serious illness. An expanded Tioga County Personnel and Civil Service policy on Alternate Test Date is available at this Department.

**APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY (Cross-Filing):** If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions **no later than two weeks before the test date**, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

For Tioga County examinations, the Multiple Exam Notice form must be completed. This form is available in the Tioga County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, online at [www.tiogacountyny.com](http://www.tiogacountyny.com), or by calling (607) 687-8494. If you do not submit your Multiple Exam Notice form two weeks prior to the test date, you may NOT be allowed to sit at the test site you have selected. If you appear at a test site but did not designate this location as your test site on your form, you may NOT be allowed to take your examination(s) at that location.

**APPOINTMENT** from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept the appointment. The resulting eligible list will be used to fill current or future appropriate vacancies within Tioga County's jurisdiction.

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and Additional Screenings:** Candidates may be subject to a thorough background investigation. If requested, applicants will be required to authorize access to educational, financial, employment, criminal history, or other records. **Effective 01/01/16, a criminal background check is required prior to employment within any Tioga County department.** Depending upon the position sought, conviction of a felony, misdemeanor or other offense may bar appointment. At the discretion of the appointing authority, candidates may be subject to additional screenings as a term and condition of employment, including but not limited to: fingerprinting, psychological, or drug testing. Depending upon appointing authority, applicants may be required to submit the necessary fees for the fingerprint processing. Per Tioga County Civil Service Rule IX (3): A record of disrespect for the requirements and processes of law may be grounds for disqualification for examination or, after examination, for certification and appointment.

**DISQUALIFICATION:** Any applicant may be disqualified for examination, or after examination, for certification and appointment that is not in compliance with the standards and requirements set forth in Section 50 (4) of the Civil Service Law.

**ELIGIBLE LIST:** In accordance with Section 61 (1) of the Civil Service Law, and as determined by the Tioga County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, the eligible list resulting from this examination **may** be used to fill vacancies in similar related titles.

**EVALUATION OF FOREIGN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION:** If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States or its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A listing of acceptable companies which provide this service may be obtained from the following: <http://www.cs.state.ny.us/jobseeker/degrees.cfm> or by contacting the Tioga County Department of Personnel. You will be responsible for the required evaluation fee.

**EXAM HOLDINGS:** In the instance where both a *promotional* and an *open-competitive examination* are held for the same title, a mandated **promotional list will be used first** to fill any positions. If you meet both the *promotional* and *open-competitive minimum qualifications*, you must file a separate application and pay any required fee(s) for each exam in order to be considered.

**EXPERIENCE:** All experience required meeting the acceptable training and experience is full-time experience. (Part-time experience will be credited on a prorated basis.)

**FALSIFICATION** of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.

**FEES:** Candidates must submit a separate application fee or Application Fee Waiver form for each open-competitive examination that the candidate is applying to take.

**FORMAT:** The test may be in written form or it may be administered on a personal computer (PC). The type of test will be stated on the admission notice.

**FORMS: Civil Service Applications, Fee Waivers and Cross-File Notification Forms** may be obtained from, and must be filed with the **Tioga County Office of Personnel & Civil Service, Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main St., Owego, NY 13827**. Request applications by mail, in person or from internet [www.tiogacountyny.com](http://www.tiogacountyny.com)

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** You **MUST** specifically state how you meet these requirements when completing the application. Unless otherwise noted, qualifications must be met at time of application.

**NOTIFICATION:** If an application is disapproved, notice will be sent. *This department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an*

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*application or take responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay.* If the candidate does not receive either a disapproval letter or an admission notice mailed to the address listed on his/her application **3 days before** the date of the exam, call 687-8494.

**RATING:** This written and/or training and experience 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 and/or training and experience examination. A score of 70 is considered passing.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** You are responsible for completing all sections of the official application. *Ambiguity and vagueness will NOT be resolved in your favor.*

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Religious Accommodation - Handicapped Persons - Military Personnel - If special arrangements for testing are required, you must contact the Tioga County Department of Personnel & Civil Service.

**VETERANS OR DISABLED VETERANS** desiring to claim additional credit must request and file an Application for Veterans' Credit at any time between the date of application for examination(s) and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. These credits may only be used once. 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 veterans' credit in examination.* *You may not claim veterans' or disabled veterans' credits after the Eligible List has been **established**.* It is the candidate's responsibility to request and submit an Application for Veterans' Credit before the Eligible List is established. Veterans' credits will only be added to passing examination scores.