

County of Chautauqua in the State of New York Announces:

FIRE CAPTAIN

Examination Number #70030220

Salary: City of Jamestown - \$90,578.53 - \$108,781.65/Year

Other – Varies By Agency



PROMOTIONAL

Examination Date: 6/27/2026

Applications must be Submitted Online by: 5/20/2026

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Exam announcements and application portal can be found at <https://chautauqua-portal.mycivilservice.com/>.

APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION PROCESS: Your application is part of the examination process. **TO APPLY**, you must create an online account at <https://chautauqua-portal.mycivilservice.com/> and answer all questions with complete information. Vagueness or ambiguity will not be interpreted in your favor. We do not refer to other applications or resumes on file for additional information. Applications that do not show training and/or experience to meet minimum qualifications may be disapproved.

A non-refundable examination processing fee of \$25.00 will be required at the time of application, for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. Fee may be paid by credit/debit card. We cannot accept cash. All fees for examinations are **Non-Refundable** Examination Processing Fees, regardless of the eligibility determination on your application. As no refund will be made, you are urged to review the examination announcement carefully, to compare your qualifications with the requirements for admission, and to file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

EXAMINATION PROCESSING FEE WAIVER: A waiver of examination processing fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of examination processing 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 examination processing fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for an examination processing fee waiver, complete the appropriate section of the Application and submit it by the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement.**

VACANCIES: This exam is being held for future vacancies in the City of Jamestown, Village of Fredonia, and the City of Dunkirk.

DUTIES: A Fire Captain is an important position involving the responsibility of supervising the operations of the officers and station on an assigned shift. The incumbent will serve as a working member during emergency responses and perform firefighting, fire prevention, building and equipment maintenance duties for the protection of lives and property. The work is performed under the general supervision of the superior officer in accordance with established procedures and policies. Does related work as required.

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES PLEASE NOTE: Participation in this examination will only afford promotional eligibility within your current agency as long as you have obtained the required number of years of Permanent Competitive Class status in the required title within the current agency.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

City of Dunkirk - Ten (10) years of permanent competitive class status as a Firefighter with the City of Dunkirk Fire Department which must have included three (3) years of permanent competitive class status as a Fire Lieutenant.

City of Jamestown - Two years of permanent competitive class status as a Fire Lieutenant in the Jamestown Fire Department.

Village of Fredonia - Two years of permanent competitive class status as a Fire Lieutenant in the Fredonia Fire Department.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT:

- 1) Possession of a National Certification as a Fire Officer II or **approved equivalent**, pursuant to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications at time of **permanent** appointment and during service in this classification.
- 2) Possession of an Emergency Medical Technician Certificate or higher issued by the State of New York Department of Health or a National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician Certificate at time of appointment and during service in this classification.
- 3) Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of appointment and during service in this classification.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, VILLAGE OF FREDONIA ONLY: Possession of Certification as a Fire Instructor II or approved equivalent, at the time of **permanent** appointment and during service in this classification and Possession of Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certification or higher issued by the State of New York Department of Health at the time of appointment and during service in this classification.

IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUIREMENT: Examination candidates will need to present a valid photo ID upon arrival at the examination site for purposes of examination security and candidate identification.

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

- 1) **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.
- 2) **Administrative supervision** - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in directing the activities of a large subordinate staff, including subordinate supervisors. Questions relate to the personal interactions between an upper-level supervisor and his/her subordinate supervisors in the accomplishment of objectives. These questions cover such areas as assigning work to and coordinating the activities of several units, establishing and guiding staff development programs, evaluating the performance of subordinate supervisors, and maintaining relationships with other organizational sections.
- 3) **Fire prevention** - These questions test for a knowledge of fire prevention methods, principles, practices, and equipment. The questions cover such areas as the following: alarm systems; automatic smoke/fire detectors; automatic sprinklers; standpipes; dealing with building owners and managers; fire hazards; fire prevention education; and inspection of buildings.
- 4) **Firefighting practices and equipment** - These questions test for a knowledge of firefighting methods, principles, practices, and equipment. The questions cover such areas as the following: aspects of the Incident Management System; building materials and construction types; direction of subordinate firefighters; communications at emergency incidents; accountability; fire cause and origin; building inspections; extinguishing agents and application procedures; fire behavior characteristics; fire suppression; hand and power tools; hazardous materials; weapons of mass destruction; hoses, nozzles, and water streams; ladders and elevating platforms; self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); fire scene size-up; and ventilation.
- 5) **Rescue techniques and basic emergency medical response** - These questions test for a knowledge of rescue techniques and basic emergency medical treatment. You will be presented with brief descriptions of various fire, rescue, and personal injury and illness situations. Each situation will be followed by one or more questions that cover such areas as the following: triage; bleeding; broken bones; burns; respiratory failure; cardiac failure; rescue-related tools; knot tying; rescue and associated EMS equipment.
- 6) **Principles and practices of staff development and training** - These questions test for the knowledge and abilities used to develop and deliver training. They address topics such as the assessment of training needs; instructional design; training methods and techniques; the use of training aids, materials, and technology; motivation; learning theory; classroom management; the evaluation of learning outcomes; and the usage of training-related data.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: CALCULATORS ARE PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAMINATION.

CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC/COMMUNICATION DEVICES AT THE TEST SITE: Do **not** bring cell phones, beepers, headphones, or any electronic or other communication devices to the test room. The presence of such devices in the test room, hallways, restrooms, may result in your disqualification.

CANDIDATES PLEASE NOTE: A Guide for the Written Test for **Lower-Level Fire Promotion** is available at the New York State website www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm. To obtain a hard copy of the guide, please call or write to the Chautauqua County Department of Human Resources, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York 14757. Phone 753-4237.

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SPECIAL NOTES FOR PROMOTIONAL APPLICANTS

SENIORITY POINTS: will be added to an eligible's score based on the length of continuous permanent classified service. Points will be calculated as follows: 1 to 6 yrs. service - 1 point; over 6 thru 11 yrs. service - 2 points; etc. A full schedule of points may be obtained by contacting the Department of Human Resources.

ELIGIBILITY OF PREFERRED LIST CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION: You may apply to take this examination if your name is on a Chautauqua County preferred eligible list for a title within the promotion field for this examination.

GENERAL INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER: It is the policy of Chautauqua County to provide for and promote equal opportunity in employment, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment without discrimination on the basis of age, race, (including traits historically associated with race, including but not limited to, hair texture and protective hair styles) creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, sex, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, marital status, arrest record or status as a victim of domestic violence, familial status, gender/gender expression, reproductive health decisions, citizenship or immigration status, or any other factor prohibited by law. Employment decisions are based on qualifications, merit and business needs. The policy can be obtained at chggov.com.

THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLISHED LAST FILING DATE FOR THIS EXAMINATION: Applications must be either:

- A. Received at the Chautauqua County Department of Human Resources, Room 144, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York 14757 prior to the close of business on or before the last filing date published for this examination, or:
- B. Postmarked on or before the last filing date published for this examination. Please note that mail deposited in a mail box on the last filing date but after the post office's last pick up for that day will receive a post mark for the following day and, therefore, will not be considered a timely submission by this office.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: 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. **Cross-file application forms are available on the Internet at chggov.com** or by contacting the Chautauqua County Department of Human Resources, Gerace Office Building, Mayville, New York 14757. Phone (716) 753-4237.

LEGAL AUTHORIZATION TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES: Federal Immigration Law requires employers to verify that all persons hired are legally authorized to work in the United States. If you are hired, you will be asked to swear, under penalty of perjury, that you are legally authorized to work in the U.S., and you will be required to submit proof of that authorization.

CURRENT/PROSPECTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS: New York State Law provides for Military Make-up Tests in cases where candidates cannot attend the scheduled test on the published test date due to active military duty. You must file an application for this examination in accordance with this examination announcement and you must request the special test arrangements, which are available. If you expect to enter military service, you may still compete in this examination and be appointed or reinstated after you return from active duty. Contact our office for details.

THIS EXAMINATION IS BEING 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 and review of examinations will apply to this test. The eligible list resulting from an examination may also be used for appointment to the same title or to any other title deemed to be similar and appropriate.

ALTERNATE TEST DATES: State and local examination policy does permit alternate test dates for certain compelling reasons. For details or to request an alternate test date, contact the Department of Human Resources.

LOCATION OF EXAM SITE: Examinations are held in Mayville unless for reasons beyond our control, we must change the test site.

VETERAN CANDIDATES: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Applications for veteran's credit are available from this office. Veteran's credits can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

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. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in section 85 of Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credits.

SECTION 85-a OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW: Effective 9/17/02, 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.

ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION: Notice to appear for the examination will be conditional, as review of applications for minimum requirements may not be made until after the written test. Call the Chautauqua County Human Resources Office if you have not received your notice 3 days before the date of the examination. You may not be admitted to the examination room without official notice.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: 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, please contact our office so that we can make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date. Applicants with disabilities who require special arrangements should contact our office by the close of the filing period for the examination.

RATINGS REQUIRED: Tests are rated on a scale of 100 with the passing mark at 70. Unless the announcement states otherwise you must pass the written test and the oral test, if any. Test instructions may further divide the tests into parts and set minimum standards for each part.

VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates may be investigated or called for an interview to determine whether they are qualified for appointment. In addition to meeting specific requirements, candidates must be of good moral character and habits.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION: You may be required to take a medical examination to determine if you are medically and physically capable of performing the duties of the position.