

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
A.A./E.E.O. EMPLOYER
CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY
PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

EXAMINATION DATE: November 07, 2026

LAST FILING DATE: September 30, 2026

Corrections Sergeant - # 70037-270

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in agencies under the jurisdiction of the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department. The current salary is \$72,604 - \$77,847.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must be permanently employed in the competitive class, or under section 55A, and must have served on a continuous basis for twelve (12) months as a Correction Corporal or thirty-six (36) months as a Corrections Officer at the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

According to Civil Service Law, section 52.10(a) which became effective September 4, 2024, time served provisionally immediately preceding permanent appointment shall count towards meeting the time in title and the employee shall be eligible to take the promotion examination.

NOTE: Submission of a resume does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing ALL sections of the official application. Your resume is a supplement to the application, not a substitute for it.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Effective November 7, 2018, the St. Lawrence County Personnel Officer has assumed the administration of civil service for the City of Ogdensburg. St. Lawrence County eligible lists will, as appropriate, be certified to fill vacancies in the City of Ogdensburg. Candidates interested in employment with the City of Ogdensburg must now participate in examinations conducted by the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department.

APPLICATION FEE: The St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department will be collecting an application fee of \$17.50 from examination applicants. The required fee must accompany your application and must be in the form of either a check or money order payable to the St. Lawrence County Treasurer. Write the number of the examination on your check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the specified minimum qualifications and file for the examination only if you believe you are clearly qualified. Any application received after the last filing date will be returned along with the application fee. There will be a \$15.00 returned check fee of any returned check.

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, please 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 on the Examination Announcement.** The "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form is located on the St. Lawrence County web site at: <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources> or by contacting the Human Resources Department at (315) 379-2210.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: The work involves responsibility for supervising the booking of inmates and for insuring enforcement of rules and regulations governing security, conduct, discipline, safety and the general well being of inmates and staff of the County Correctional Facility. Work procedures are well defined but incumbents must be alert to possibilities of emergency situations arising and exercise sound judgment when problems occur. The work is performed under general supervision of the Correction Lieutenant with leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment in dealing with incidents at the facility. Supervision is exercised over the work of Correction Officers assigned to a shift. The incumbent does related work as required.

NOTE: Calculators are **ALLOWED** for this exam.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: SEE ATTACHED EXPANDED SCOPE STATEMENT

Applications and application fees must be submitted or postmarked by the last filing date stated above. Normal business hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Late applications and/or application fees will not be accepted. Candidates will be notified approximately two weeks prior to the examination date, as to the time and place of the examination. In order to assure you receive all correspondence from our office, we **must** have your current address on file. Email changes to: exams@stlawco.gov or contact the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department at the number listed below.

Date Published: August 26, 2026

APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION
St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department
48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617-1169
(315) 379-2210
<https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources>
(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS)

SITTING CONDITIONALLY FOR AN EXAMINATION

Candidates who will receive a qualifying college degree within twelve (12) months after the date of this examination will be allowed to sit conditionally. The candidates' name will be withheld from certification until proof of the qualifying degree has been received by the Human Resources Department. The candidate will be required to furnish proof that they have received said degree, **no later than twelve (12) months after the establishment of the Eligible List** resulting from this examination. Upon receipt of said proof within the time frame so stated, the candidate will become eligible for certification.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS

Special accommodations for handicapped candidates will be made unless such accommodations would impose an undue hardship on the Human Resources Department. Written requests specifying such accommodations should be filed with the examination application in order to allow for the necessary documentation, determination and arrangements.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION

Candidates who, because of a religious observance or practice, are unable to compete in an examination scheduled to be held by this office, will be rescheduled. Notification must be made in writing to the Human Resources Department with the examination application. The candidate will be notified by the Human Resources Department of an alternate test date.

MILITARY COMMITMENT

Candidates who are unable to appear on the regularly scheduled examination date due to ordered military duty should contact the Human Resources Department for information regarding their rights to an alternate test date.

OTHER ALTERNATE TEST DATES

Alternate examination dates may be granted for qualifying circumstances. A request for alternate examination date must be submitted to the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department no later than the close of business on the next business day following the examination date, whenever practicable. Any alternate examination date administration beyond the Saturday following the scheduled Saturday examination date must be reviewed with the New York State Department of Civil Service.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY (CROSS FILERS)

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 (2) 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.

VETERANS CREDITS

For purpose of claiming Veterans Credits on a Civil Service examination, an applicant must have served in the armed forces of the United States at any time during the following periods:

Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946	June 27, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955	Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
June 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987	Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983	Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990
Aug. 2, 1990 - End of Persian Gulf Conflict		

Disabled or Non-Disabled Veterans who claim additional credits will receive information as to the filing procedure approximately 2 weeks prior to the date of the examination. (See section 6 of the application for additional information)

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.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

This written examination is 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 which deals with the rating of examinations will apply.

CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS

Names of candidates from a continuous recruitment examination will be inter-filed on the continuing eligible list in rank order regardless of the date on which they took the test. A department/agency/municipality reserves the right to terminate the continuous recruitment program.

ELIGIBLE LISTS

Eligible Lists will be ranked in the order of final rating, and will be established for a minimum of one year to a maximum of four years unless exhausted prior to that date. Established Eligible Lists may be extended by the Personnel Officer not to exceed four years.

NOTE TO CANDIDATES

Unless otherwise notified, 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. Books or other reference materials are also prohibited.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS, FINGERPRINTS AND FEES

Fingerprinting is sometimes required at the time of appointment. If so, you may be required to pay the processing fee. Background Investigation: 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.

EXPANDED SCOPE STATEMENT

Corrections Sergeant

Exam Date: 11/07/2026

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SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

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. New York State minimum standards for correctional facilities

These questions test for knowledge of the Minimum Standards for state, county, and local correctional facilities that are promulgated by the New York State Commission of Correction in areas such as the admission/discharge, care, custody, movement, correctional treatment, security, supervision, and discipline of all persons confined in these systems.

3. Coordinating Appropriate Responses to Emergencies, Disturbances, and Other Unusual Situations

These questions test for knowledge in such areas as: anticipating possible correctional emergency situations, responding to situations promptly and allocating staff where needed; notifying supervisors of situations when appropriate; acting within rules to alleviate problems as quickly as possible with minimum use of force; investigating the causes of incidents; submitting reports on incidents.

4. Supervising Incarcerated Individual Correctional Programs, Services, Visitation Areas, and Correctional Staff

These questions test for knowledge in such areas as: coordinating programs with civilian staff; ensuring that all employees relate well to visitors and guests and answer their questions in accordance with facility rules; organizing and supervising special programs involving outside groups (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.) and ensuring full cooperation from employees. The questions may also deal with such areas as: understanding new concepts and developments in the field of Corrections, and evaluating employees' capabilities and limitations on the job.

A Guide for the Written Test for **First Line Correction Supervisors** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.