



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES AN OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

TITLE: NYS COURT OFFICER-TRAINEE (JG-16)

EXAMINATION NO.: 45-857

EXAMINATION DATES

This computer-based, multiple-choice examination will be administered at test centers throughout New York State from **Wednesday, August 26, 2026 to Wednesday, October 7, 2026***. The examination time is three hours and 15 minutes.

Self-scheduling will be first come, first served and subject to availability; specific dates, times and test centers will not be guaranteed. All examination appointments must be self-scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled examination time.

NYS Unified Court System employees who are regularly scheduled to work weekdays will be required to select among the available dates/times during the weekend of August 29, 2026 and August 30, 2026.[†] Employees who are regularly scheduled to work weekends shall be granted excused leave to take the exam during work hours in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement or Rules of the Chief Judge.

*If the number of applicants exceeds available seating capacity for 8/26/26 to 10/7/26, contingency testing will be scheduled beginning Thursday, 10/8/26 and during the weeks of 10/12/26 and 10/19/26. Contingency examination dates and impacted applicants will be determined at the discretion of the Office of Court Administration.

[†]If the number of applicants exceeds available seating capacity for 8/29/26 and 8/30/26, contingency testing will be scheduled on an alternate weekend. Contingency examination dates and impacted applicants will be determined at the discretion of the Office of Court Administration.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK

Under the direct supervision of a New York State Court Officer-Sergeant and the general supervision of the court clerk or other security supervisory personnel, New York State Court Officer-Trainees serve a two-year traineeship during which time they are responsible for maintaining order and providing security in courtrooms, court buildings, and grounds. After completion of formal training at the Academy, NYS Court Officer- Trainees may be assigned to all trial courts and court agencies to begin the on-the-job training portion of their traineeship which will include training in court operations and security needs. NYS Court Officer-Trainees are peace officers required to wear uniforms, and may be authorized to carry firearms, execute warrants, make arrests and also perform other related duties. At the end of the two-year traineeship, successful candidates will be promoted from a NYS Court Officer-Trainee (JG-16) to a New York State Court Officer (JG-19).

LOCATIONS OF POSITIONS

The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill positions in the Unified Court System throughout New York State.

APPLICATION PROCESS

[APPLY HERE](#)

Applications will be accepted from **10 A.M. Wednesday, April 1, 2026 to Thursday, May 14, 2026.**

A **\$30.00 non-refundable and non-transferable application fee, plus a 2.99% credit/debit card non-refundable and non-transferable service fee**, is required to file for this examination. Applicants must have an e-mail address to complete the application process and to receive all correspondence regarding this examination. **AN APPLICATION IS CONSIDERED SUCCESSFULLY FILED UPON IMMEDIATE RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION ID NUMBER.** Be sure to add the following e-mail address to your address book to ensure receipt of all correspondence regarding this examination: no-reply@panpowered.com.

FEE WAIVER: You may be eligible for a fee waiver if you are a full-time college student, OR if you or your immediate family are on public assistance, OR if you are unemployed. You may apply for a fee waiver at the payment portion of the application. Employees of the NYS Unified Court System are not required to submit a filing fee.

SELF- SCHEDULING LINK

Beginning Monday, August 3, 2026, and continuing throughout the week, applicants will be e-mailed a link to self-schedule the examination. If you have not received a self-scheduling link by Monday, August 10, 2026, please e-mail nycucs_support@talogy.com directly to request a duplicate. **All examination appointments must be self-scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled examination time.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT

Be at least 20.5 years old
Possess a High school diploma or the equivalent
Be a citizen of the United States
Be a resident of New York State
Possess a valid New York State Driver's License
Be legally eligible to carry firearms

Candidates must successfully complete four (4) months of a paid training program at the NYS Court Officers Academy.

During basic training at the NYS Court Officers Academy, performance will be carefully reviewed and evaluated. **A NYS Court Officer-Trainee who fails to meet the performance standards during Academy Basic Training may be terminated at any time**.**

****Minimum probationary period under Rules of the Chief Judge 25.22(b) does not apply to New York State Court Officer-Trainees.**

PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Physical, medical, and psychological examinations will be conducted to ensure that candidates are able to perform the duties of this position satisfactorily. The examinations will include a fitness test, medical, and psychological evaluations, and a substance abuse screening.

For further information about the current physical standards and screening process, please visit [Court Officer Trainee Recruitment](#) or [Court Officer Trainee Recruitment: Screening](#).

BENEFITS

Court employees are eligible to participate in the New York State Health Insurance Plan and the New York State Employee's Retirement System. In addition, full-time employees earn 20 paid vacation days and 13 paid holidays.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For subject matter and frequently asked questions, please visit [NY STATEWIDE COT FAQs](#).

Subject of Examination for Court Officer-Trainee (JG-16)

You will be given **three (3) hours and fifteen (15) minutes** to complete the computer-based examination. This examination will consist of multiple-choice questions designed to assess the following:

Remembering Facts and Information

These questions assess applicants' ability to remember the details from an incident. Applicants will be provided with a written description of an incident (story) and will be given five (5) minutes to read and study the story. At the end of the 5-minute period, the story will be removed, and applicants will **not** have another opportunity to refer to it. Applicants will **not** be permitted to make **any written notes** about the story. There will be a 10-minute delay before applicants are presented with a series of questions about the facts concerning the story.

Reading, Understanding and Interpreting Written Material

These questions assess applicants' ability to understand and interpret written material. The written examination will include **two** types of questions:

Format A - Applicants will be provided with brief reading passages followed by questions regarding the passages. All information required to answer the questions will be provided in the passages. Applicants will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the content area covered in the passages; and,

Format B - Applicants will be provided with short written passages from which words or phrases have been removed. Applicants will be required to select from four alternatives the word or phrase that logically completes the sentence within the passage when inserted for the missing word or phrase.

Applying Facts and Information to Given Situations

These questions assess applicants' ability to use the information provided and apply it to a specific situation defined by a given set of facts. Applicants are presented with a regulation, policy or procedure that a NYS Court Officer may encounter on the job. Applicants must use this information to answer questions about specific situations. All information required to answer the questions is contained in the passages and in the description of the situation.

Clerical Checking

These questions assess applicants' ability to distinguish between sets of names, numbers, letters and/or codes which are almost exactly alike. There are three sets of information which may appear in different fonts. Applicants will be asked to compare the information in the three sets and identify whether the sets differ. Applicants must use the directions provided to determine the correct answer.

Court Record Keeping

These questions assess applicants' ability to read, combine, and manipulate written information organized from several sources. Applicants will be presented with different types of tables which contain names, numbers, codes, and other information, and must combine and reorganize the information to answer specific questions.

INFORMATION FOR OPEN-COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

APPLICATION: Electronic applications can be filed at www.nycourts.gov/careers/. An e-mail address is required to complete the application process and to receive scheduling information and Result Notices. Separate applications must be submitted if an applicant is applying for more than one examination. An application is considered successfully filed upon receipt of an Application ID Number at time of submission.

FILING FEE: A **\$30.00 non-refundable, non-transferable filing fee**, plus a **2.99% credit/debit card non-refundable, non-transferable service fee**, is required for this examination using a credit or reloadable debit card. Please read the announcement and instructions carefully as the filing fee will not be refunded. You may be eligible for a fee waiver if you are a full-time college student, OR if you or your immediate family are on public assistance, OR if you are unemployed. You may apply for a fee waiver at the payment portion of the application. Employees of the NYS Unified Court System are not required to submit a filing fee.

VETERAN CREDITS: Disabled (10 points) and non-disabled (5 points) veterans who are eligible for extra credit will have the appropriate number of points added to the final rating if otherwise successful in the examination. Eligible veterans should claim the credits when they file the application. Further information regarding instructions for filing and eligibility is contained in the application. If veteran credits are granted, eligibles will have an option to waive them any time prior to appointment.

VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS: The Office of Court Administration may refuse to examine an applicant, or after examination, to include an applicant on the eligible list, or may remove or restrict from the eligible list any applicant who is found to lack any of the established requirements for admission to the examination or for appointment from the eligible list.

EXAMINATION RATINGS: Examination final ratings are reported on a scale of 100 with the passing mark set at 70. The passing score for the written examination will be determined at a date following the administration of the examination.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Applicants who cannot be tested on a Saturday for religious reasons, must include this information on their application. All other requests for alternate test dates must be submitted at least one month prior to the examination date and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for compliance with the Alternate Test Date Guidelines of the Unified Court System. Applicants with disabilities who require special arrangements should contact the Coordinator of Special Accommodations at (212) 428-2580 or TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf) at (212) 428-2781 prior to the close of the filing period for the examination.

WARNING: Anyone found unlawfully possessing or disclosing questions and/or answers from civil service examinations, or giving or taking test information from another applicant during or after the examination, or taking a civil service examination for someone else, or enlisting another person to take an examination for another will be subject to disqualification from that examination, may be barred from future examinations with the Unified Court System, and may be subject to other penalties as prescribed by law.

APPLICANTS SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AT (212) 428-2580 OR NYCUCS_SUPPORT@TALOGY.COM IF THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR SELF-SCHEDULING LINK VIA E-MAIL BY AUGUST 10, 2026.

The Unified Court System is an Equal Opportunity Employer.