

Finance Specialist

City of Meriden

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Qualifications: A High School graduate or the equivalent, plus four (4) years of progressively responsible experience in accounting and/or payroll. OR, any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides a demonstrated potential for performing the duties of the position.

Salary starts at \$44,616.00 with a full benefit package.

This position is open until filled.

The City of Meriden is an EOE.

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General Description

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Supervision Received

Works under the general direction of the Director of Accounting.

Supervision Exercised

May supervise lower level accounting clerical as appropriate.

Examples of Duties

Reconcile monthly bank statements to accounting records, access financial system data to complete this task.

Responsible for maintaining and balancing the monthly premium charges from life and medical insurance policies for employees and retirees, including determining eligibility, making membership changes, preparing invoices for payment.

Responsible for maintaining records, collecting and depositing payments received from employees who self-pay.

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Examples of Duties

Responsible for verifying and attaching daily bank receipts to all incoming cash transmittals, batch all transmittals by date and assign voucher numbers, enter transmittals computer occasionally, balance and post.

Prepare daily bank deposits on an alternating basis with other employees in the office. Count cash, total cash and checks, and reconcile to transmittals that are submitted by various departments.

Enter journal entries into the financial system, balance and post.

Receive invoices from the invoice basket, ensuring each invoice matches its corresponding direct payment invoice/receiving report.

Enter purchase order and direct payment invoices from each department into the financial system and balance.

Match receiving reports/direct payment invoices to printed checks, ensuring they are mailed timely each week.

Balance and deposit payroll and general fund checks for monthly payroll.

Assist independent auditors with retrieving invoices, journal entries and p-card support.

Answer questions and assist all other City employees with problems concerning payments and vendors, and balancing their accounts.

Receive all visitors and employees entering the Finance Department. Receive and screen all telephone calls coming into the Finance Department on the main Finance Department line.

Performs related work as required.

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Minimum Qualifications

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Considerable knowledge of accounting principles and practices.

Good knowledge of public administration principles and practices as applied to work unit reporting and routine administrative procedures.

Good ability to communicate orally and some writing ability.

Some ability to administer policies and procedures including scheduling, routine decision-making and the completion of forms and reports.

Considerable ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, financial institutions, citizens and auditors.

Experience and Training

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