



***The Salina Airport Authority (SAA)***

***An Equal Opportunity  
Affirmative Action Employer***

***Invites Applications for  
The Position of***

**Maintenance, Operations and  
Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting  
(ARFF) Technician**

Filing Period:

Until Filled

## **THE SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

The Salina Airport Authority (SAA) is a body corporate and politic. The Authority was created by the City of Salina in April 1965 (Sec. 4-16, Salina City Code) pursuant to the authority granted to the City by the Surplus Property and Public Airport Authority Act of the State of Kansas (KSA 27-315 et seq.) The Authority was created for the purpose of accepting as surplus property portions of the former Schilling A.F.B., which was closed by the United States Department of Defense in June 1965. By quitclaim deed the Authority received over 2,900 acres of land and numerous buildings for the purpose of operating and developing the Salina Regional Airport and the Salina Airport Industrial Center. The Authority is managed and controlled by a five-member Board of Directors appointed by the Salina City Commission.

The Board appoints the Executive Director, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority. The Executive Director hires the remaining employees of the Authority. The Executive Director and his staff of employees manage and operate the Salina Regional Airport and the Salina Airport Industrial Center.

## **SALINA REGIONAL AIRPORT**

The Salina Regional Airport is the only commercial service airport serving Salina/Saline County and the 22-county area comprising North Central Kansas. One regional airline serves the Salina Airport. United Airlines operated by SkyWest Airlines has multiple weekday and weekend flights to Denver International Airport and Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Total air carrier passenger enplanements exceed 20,000 passengers per year. With one of the longest primary runways (12,300') in the country, SLN services a wide variety of the corporate, business, private aviation, military, and flight training needs of industry, business, and individuals in the area. The Airport is also used by the Aeronautical Technology Department at Kansas State University. The campus of K-State Salina is located adjacent to the airport. The Airport's world-class FBO, Avflight Salina, annually delivers aviation fuel to thousands of business jets and military aircraft. Annual air traffic approaches 75,000 operations. SLN is widely known as [America's Fuel Stop](#) and as the Home of the [Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer](#).

## **SALINA AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL CENTER**

The Salina Airport Industrial Center is home for over one hundred businesses and organizations. Over seventy-five of the businesses and organization are tenants of the Authority. One of the primary functions of the Authority is to facilitate the continued growth of jobs and payroll at the Airport Industrial Center. The Authority works in partnership with the City of Salina, Saline County, Salina Community Economic Development Organization, the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas Department of Commerce for the retention of existing business and industry and the recruitment of new business and industry.

- A recent study by the Docking Institute found that total employment associated with the Salina Regional Airport and Airport Industrial Center activity generated 7,005 jobs and account for nearly \$1.3 billion in total economic activity. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.salinaairport.com/media/36624/saa-2021-report-v6-51121.pdf>.

## **THE SALINA AREA**

Salina is the largest city nearest the geographic center of the United States, and is the fifth largest city in the State of Kansas. Salina's population is estimated at 47,707 and Saline County's population is estimated to be 55,606. According to a report published by the K-State Research and Extension, Department of Agricultural Economics in April of 2004, Saline County ranks fifth out of the 105 counties in the State of Kansas in "strength index" for 2002-2004. The index is a measure of economic prosperity including three components

- wealth index, employment index and personal income index. Recently Salina was ranked 27th out of 219 cities in the United States to live in by the Rating Guide to Life in America's Small Cities.

### **Residents of Salina/Saline County experience:**

- Suburban pace with healthy climate and ideal living conditions.
- Cost of living index of 84.3% making it one of the lowest in the state and well below the national average of 100%.
- Salina is located at the intersection of Interstate 135 (north-south) and Interstate 70 (east-west) providing direct access to Denver, Kansas City, Wichita, Oklahoma City and Dallas.
- A full range of leisure activities including:  
Live theater, arts center, symphony, museums, wildlife refuge, two country clubs, modern YMCA facility, professional basketball, hunting and fishing, and within a short drive, you find picturesque lakes with miles of uncluttered shoreline and sandy beaches for boating, skiing, hiking and swimming.

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

Under supervision, performs manual and skilled labor in the maintenance of airport property, equipment and machinery. Maintains the upkeep of the airport and airport industrial center through occasional moderate work to frequent very heavy work involving the operation of power mowers, chain saws, brush cutters, edger's and clippers, and other equipment used in landscaping, airport maintenance and right of way clearing. Performs building maintenance on selected Airport Authority buildings.

Operates, services and maintains Airport Authority ARFF equipment and vehicles to include tractors, light-duty pickups, dump trucks and mowers; operates snow removal equipment, pavement repair equipment, ARFF equipment and other equipment associated with airport maintenance operations and safety. As necessary, will assist ARFF personnel in the rescue of human souls and the protection of property should there be an aircraft accident or incident.

Escorts contractors and other technicians as needed; operates vehicle mounted and portable spray equipment; sprays herbicides for control of weeds; attends training classes for airport maintenance, airport operations and airport ARFF; performs other duties and responsibilities as directed by the Manager of Operations, and the Executive Director.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Must be able to complete FAA Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting training course within 12 months of hire.
- Must be able to complete SAA airfield familiarization and inspection course
- Must be self-motivated and have exceptional work ethic.
- Must be able to work in extreme temperatures of heat and cold.
- Two years experience in general maintenance work.
- At least 2-years experience with heavy maintenance equipment
- Experience with mowing, vehicle maintenance, and snow removal.
- Experience with small equipment maintenance and repair.
- General knowledge of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems.
- Ability to interpret blueprints, plans and drawings.
- Ability to use hand tools.
- Ability to occasionally lift heavy objects.

### **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL REQUIREMENTS**

The following is a description of the physical and mental abilities necessary to perform the essential job functions of this position. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Manager of Operations at the location listed below for any questions or to request an accommodation during the selection process.

Physical Requirements: Body ability and agility to move, climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crawl, and reach; strength to lift maximum of 100 lbs., stamina to stand, walk and sit for prolonged periods of time; tolerance to work around jet aircraft noise; see well enough to drive motor vehicles, to read fine print; speak and hear well enough to communicate clearly and effectively, in person, to groups of people, over the telephone and two-way radio; manual dexterity to hand write and key items into a computer, and to operate various types of communication and video equipment. Ability to handle exposure to all types of weather conditions.

## **COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

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BENEFIT OVERVIEW

As a full-time member of Maintenance, Operations and ARFF staff, the following benefits apply:

- Health & Dental Insurance - City plan, employee and family plans available - As of January 1, 2021 the SAA pays over 94% of premium—Employee share for a family plan is currently at \$100/mo., employee plus one is \$80/month and a single plan is \$20/mo.
- Wellness allowance up to \$42/mo.
- Life Insurance - Benefit equal to amount of salary - cost paid by SAA.
- Time off - Two-weeks paid vacation, 13 paid holidays per year and sick leave.
- Retirement Plan - Kansas Public Retirement System (KPERs), SAA contributes 9.84%, employee contributes 6% of annual salary.
- IRS - 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.
- Cafeteria Plan or Flex Plan (IRS section 125) - deduct un-insured medical expenses, health insurance premiums, and certain dependent care expenses from salary on a pre-tax basis.
- AFLAC

## **APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Applications for this position can be found online and submitted via email to [kaseyw@salinaairport.com](mailto:kaseyw@salinaairport.com) or mailed to Salina Airport Authority, Attn: Human Resources, 3237 Arnold Ave., Salina, KS 67401. Applications can also be picked up in person between 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For a full job description and application visit the public information link at <http://www.salinaairport.com/>. The Salina Airport Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.