



# Application for Basic STAR Exemption for the 2020-2021 School Year

**Note:** The STAR exemption program is closed to new applicants. If you are a new homeowner or first-time STAR applicant, you may be eligible for the STAR credit. Register with the NYS Tax Department at [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star). For a list of who should use this form, see the instructions on page 2.

Name(s) of owner(s)				
Mailing address of owner(s) (number and street or PO Box)			Location of property (street address)	
City, village, or post office		State	ZIP code	
City, town, or village		State	ZIP code	
Daytime contact number	Evening contact number		School district	
E-mail address		Property identification: Tax map number or section/block/lot (see tax bill or assessment roll)		
Name(s) of any non-owner spouse(s)				
Address(es) of primary residence(s) if different from above				

- Did you have a STAR exemption on this property for the 2015-2016 school year? ..... Yes  No   
If No, you are **not** eligible for the Basic STAR exemption. However, you may be eligible for the Basic STAR **credit**. Register at [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star).
- Is the total 2018 combined income of all the owners and spouses residing on the premises less than or equal to \$250,000? (See Income for STAR purposes on page 2.) ..... Yes  No   
If No, then you **do not** qualify for the Basic STAR exemption. However, if your income is less than or equal to \$500,000, you may qualify for the STAR credit. Register at [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star).
- Do you or your spouse own another property that is **either** receiving a STAR exemption in New York State **or** a residency tax benefit in another state, such as the Florida Homestead exemption? ..... Yes  No   
If Yes, attach a list with the address and exemption/benefit information of each property.

## Certification

**Caution:** Anyone who misrepresents his or her primary residence, age, or income:

- will be subject to a penalty of the greater of \$100 or 20% of the improperly received tax savings
- will be prohibited from receiving the STAR exemption or STAR credit for six years, and
- may be subject to criminal prosecution.

I (we) certify that all of the above information is correct, that I (we) own the property listed above and it is my (our) primary residence. I (we) understand it is my (our) obligation to notify the assessor if I (we) relocate to another primary residence and provide any documentation of eligibility that is required.

All resident owners must sign and date this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

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Return this form and proof of income to your local assessor by taxable status date (see Deadline on page 2).

## Instructions

### General information

The Basic STAR exemption reduces the school tax liability for qualifying homeowners by exempting a portion of the value of their home from the school tax.

To qualify, the home must be:

- owner-occupied, and
- the homeowners' primary residence.

The combined 2018 income of the owners and spouses who reside on the property must be less than or equal to \$250,000 and you must have had a STAR exemption on the same property for the 2015-2016 school year. If your income is more than \$250,000 but less than or equal to \$500,000, you may qualify for the STAR credit. Register at [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star).

**Who should use this form:** You are not generally required to reapply annually for the exemption, but you must advise the assessor if the property is no longer your primary residence. You are required to reapply for the exemption if the ownership of the property has changed due to:

- marriage,
- divorce,
- surrender of interest by a co-owner,
- survivorship,
- trusts,
- life estates,
- name change(s).

**Deadline:** You must file the application and proof of income with your local assessor on or before the applicable *taxable status date*, which is generally March 1.

- In the Village of Bronxville it is January 1;
- In Nassau County it is January 2;
- In Westchester towns it is either May 1 or June 1;
- In cities, check with your assessor.

For further information, ask your local assessor. Visit our website or your locality's website to find your local assessor's contact information.

**Do not file this form with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance or the Office of Real Property Tax Services.**

### Application instructions

Print the name and mailing address of each person who **owns and primarily resides** in the property. (If the title to the property is in a trust or is held in a life estate, the trust beneficiaries or life tenants are deemed to be the owners for STAR purposes.) There is no single factor which determines whether the property is your primary residence, but the assessor will consider factors such as voting location, automobile registrations, and the length of time you occupy the property each year. The assessor may ask you to provide proof of residency and ownership.

You can find the parcel identification number on either the assessment roll or your tax bill.

### Proof of income for STAR purposes

You are required to submit proof of income with this form. Proof of income is your 2018 federal or state income tax return. **Do not** submit your 2019 tax forms. If you were not required to file a federal or New York State income tax return for 2018, complete Form RP-425-Wkst, *Income for STAR Purposes Worksheet*, and submit it to the assessor along with this form. To determine your income eligibility, use the following table to identify line references on your 2018 federal or state income tax returns.

Form number	Title of income tax form	Income for STAR purposes
Federal Form 1040	U.S. Individual Income Tax Return	Adjusted gross income (line 7) minus taxable portion of IRA distributions (see <i>Special instructions for IRAs</i> below)
NYS Form IT-201	Resident Income Tax Return	Federal adjusted gross income (line 19) minus taxable portion of IRA distributions (line 9)

### Special instructions for IRAs

Taxable IRA distributions are not separately reported on 2018 federal Form 1040. Use these instructions to decide whether you need to determine your taxable IRA distributions for 2018, and if so, how.

1. If **any** of the following conditions apply to you, you **do not** need to determine your taxable IRA distributions for 2018:
  - a. The amount shown on line 7 of your 2018 federal Form 1040 is less than or equal to \$250,000. (You meet the income qualification for the Basic STAR exemption.)
  - b. The amount shown on line 7 of your 2018 federal Form 1040 **minus** the amount shown on line 4b is more than \$250,000. (You **do not** meet the income qualification for the Basic STAR exemption.)
  - c. If line 4b of your 2018 federal Form 1040 is zero, your taxable IRA distributions are zero. (Your income qualification will be based on line 7 of your 2018 federal Form 1040.)
2. If **none** of those conditions apply to you, you **do** need to determine the amount of your taxable IRA distributions for 2018:
  - a. If you filed a NYS income tax return (Form IT-201) for 2018, the portion of your taxable IRA distributions is the amount shown on line 9 of that return.
  - b. If you did **not** file a NYS income tax return (Form IT-201) for 2018, you must review your records to determine the portion of line 4b of your federal Form 1040 that is attributable to taxable IRA distributions. If you are uncertain, consult your tax advisor.

### This Area for Assessor's Use Only

Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No

Proof of income: Yes  No

Proof of residency: Yes  No

Assessor's signature	Date
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