



Town of Amherst

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REGISTER FOR THE SCHOOL TAX RELIEF (STAR) CREDIT

Congratulations on your new home! If this will be your primary residence, take a few minutes to register for the **STAR** credit.

Eligible new homeowners will receive their **STAR** savings in the form of a check directly from New York State.

You must register with the New York State Tax Department to receive a **STAR** credit check.

You can register 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.tax.ny.gov/star

Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at **518-457-2036**.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR STAR?

If you own your home, it's your primary residence, and your income is \$500,000 or less, you are eligible for the **Basic STAR** credit.

In addition, if you're 65 or older with an income of \$88,080 or less, you may be eligible for the **Enhanced STAR** credit.

In the first year of your new home, you may receive the prior owner's STAR exemption. In future years, as long as you're eligible, New York State will send you a STAR check. You don't need to register again.

BEFORE YOU REGISTER, HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE

- Names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses;
- Primary residence of the owners and their spouses;
- Approximate date the owners purchased the property, and the name of the sellers;
- 2018 school tax bill, if you received one;
- Address of any residential property owned in another state;
- If the property is owned in trust, the legal name of the trust;
- 2018 Federal or State income tax returns for all owners. If you didn't file a 2018 tax return, you will be asked to provide financial information for all property owners.

PLEASE READ BELOW IF OVER AGE 65, AND YOUR COMBINED GROSS INCOME (including Social Security) IS LESS THAN \$35,400

If your situation meets both of these requirements you may also be eligible for additional exemptions.

The Low Income/Senior exemption could result in additional reductions on your Town/County/Village & School tax bills. THESE WILL STILL BE APPLIED FOR WITH YOUR LOCAL ASSESSORS OFFICE.