



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.

New Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants must register with the New York State Tax Department to receive a STAR 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (518-457-2036).

Are you eligible for STAR?

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

If you're 65 or older with an income of \$86,000 or less, you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR credit.

Before you register

You'll need this information to register for the STAR credit:

- 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;
- 2016 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;
- 2015 federal or state income tax returns for all owners. If you didn't file a 2015 income tax return, you'll be asked to provide financial information for all property owners.

