STAR (School Tax Relief) **Benefit**

Enhanced STAR or Basic STAR Questions?

What is this letter from NY State? How do I get my STAR Credit? Why did my exemption change?

Go to tax.ny.gov/star or call the STAR Hotline: (518) 457-2036

New property owners **register for the STAR *Credit*** online or over the phone:

STAR *Credit* – A check mailed to you or direct deposited in September

- Register, switch, or verify registration at **tax.ny.gov/star** or **(518) 457-2036**
- Administered entirely by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance
- Provides the same or more monetary benefit as the older Exemption method

Existing STAR recipients may be getting the *Credit* (above) or the *Exemption*:

STAR *Exemption* – Pre-printed as a reduction on your School Tax bill

- Old method – must have been in place since at least 2015 at the same residence
- Exemption changes are decided by NYS Dept of Taxation and Finance (not Manlius)
- Exemption recipients may switch to the Credit at any time (no switching back)

Existing STAR recipients get either **Basic or Enhanced levels of benefit:**

Your level is **automatically determined** by the NYS Dept of Taxation and Finance

- No need to apply to go from Basic to Enhanced if you already get a STAR benefit
- Determinations are made by NYS Taxation & Finance (not Manlius Assessment)
- Respond to tax.ny.gov/star or 518-457-2036 if NYS requests more information by letter

Basic STAR

- Adjusted gross **income of less than $500,000** ($250,000 for the *Exemption*)
- Basic benefit is $450 – $700 depending on school district and municipality

Enhanced STAR

- At least one owner **over 65 years** of age by the end of 2027
- Adjusted gross **income of less than $113,550** for all resident owners/spouses in 2025
- $1,500 – $1,800 depending on school district, municipality, and delivery method

Note: Enhanced STAR recipients may also apply for the Senior Citizens Exemption

- *Senior Citizens Expt. is a different benefit, with separate application and annual renewal*
- *Seniors with gross income is less than $58,400 apply or renew before March 1, 2027*
- *Senior Citizens Exemption letters come from Manlius Assessment, not New York State*

Town of Manlius 2027 STAR Benefit Information

Contact the Assessment Office M-F 8:30-4:30 at (315) 637-9854 for general info

Come in person to 301 Brooklea Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066 or ATOM@townofmanlius.gov

Call the STAR Hotline with STAR questions (518) 457-2036 (M-F 8:30-4:30)