

Town of Manlius 2026 Property Tax Exemptions

for property you OWN that is your primary residence

STAR (School Tax Relief) Benefits

The STAR program has changed recently. Please read carefully!

The STAR benefit may be **delivered** in one of two ways:

STAR Exemption – Directly printed as a reduction on your school tax bill

- Must have been in place continuously since 2015
- Exemption benefit amounts were frozen in 2018 and can never increase

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

- Administered by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance
- Register online or over the phone at tax.ny.gov/star or (518) 457-2036
- *Exemption* recipients may switch to the *Credit*, but can not switch back
- Provides at least the same monetary benefit as the *Exemption*, and may be larger

The Assessment Office can verify which way you receive your STAR benefit

There are two **types of benefit** in the STAR program:

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

- No need to apply to go from Basic to Enhanced (**New for 2026!**)
- NYS may request more information by letter
- Benefit amounts in Town of Manlius: Basic is \$500-\$700, Enhanced is \$1,600-\$1,800

Basic STAR

- Adjusted gross **income of less than \$500,000** (*Credit*) or **\$250,000** (*Exemption*)
- Basic STAR *Credit* and *Exemption* dollar amounts have been the same in recent years

Enhanced STAR

- At least one owner **over 65 years** of age by the end of 2026
- Adjusted gross **income of less than \$110,750** in 2024 for all resident owners and spouses combined
- Enhanced STAR *Credit* provided over \$120 more benefit in 2024 than the *Exemption*

Note: Some Enhanced STAR recipients may also qualify for the separate Senior Citizens Exemption if their gross income is less than \$58,400. Contact the Assessment office for more information about this additional benefit and apply before March 1, 2026.

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

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

*Limits and requirements are shown as of September 1, 2025, but are **subject to change** by NY State*