



# 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 check.

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](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star)

Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 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 check.

In addition, if you're 65 or older with an **adjusted gross** income of \$98,700 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;
- 2023 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;
- 2022 Federal or State income tax returns for all owners. If you didn't file a 2022 tax return, you will be asked to provide financial information for all property owners.

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## PLEASE READ BELOW IF OVER AGE 65, AND YOUR COMBINED GROSS INCOME (including Social Security) IS LESS THAN \$37,399

*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. **IF ELIGIBLE, APPLY FOR THIS EXEMPTION WITH YOUR LOCAL ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.**