

Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services RP-425-E

**Application for Enhanced STAR Exemption for the 2022-2023 School Year** 

You must submit Form RP-425-IVP, Supplement to Form RP-425-E, with this form.

**Note:** The STAR exemption program is closed to new applicants. This form is primarily for use by property owners with Basic STAR exemptions who wish to apply and are eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. If you are a new homeowner or first-time STAR applicant, you may be eligible for the STAR credit. Register with the NYS Tax Department at <a href="https://www.tax.ny.gov/star">www.tax.ny.gov/star</a>. For a list of who else should use this form, see the instructions on page 2.

| Name(s) of owner(s) |   |                                   |           |          |          |      |  |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|------|--|
| Pr                  | roperty identification: Tax map number or section/block/lot (see tax bill or as   | sessment roll)                    |           |          |          |      |  |
| Lc                  | Unit number   |                                   |           |          |          |      |  |
| Ci                  | ty, town, or village  |                                   | State     | ZIP code |          |      |  |
| M                   | ailing address of owner(s) (number and street - include unit number - or PO Box)  | City, village, or post office     |           | State    | ZIP code |      |  |
| Pł                  | none number   | Email address                     |           |          |          |      |  |
| Т                   | this property held in a:  rust? Yes No No ife estate? Yes No  | <br>/hat is the legal name of the | trust?    |          |          |      |  |
| 1                   | Did you have a STAR exemption on this property for the 2 If No, you are <b>not</b> eligible for the Enhanced STAR exert for the Enhanced STAR <b>credit</b> . Register at www.tax.ny  | mption. However, you i            |           |          | Yes 🗌    | No 🗌 |  |
| 2                   | Will all owners be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2022, <b>or</b> if the property is owned by a married couple or by siblings, will at least one of the spouses or siblings be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2022?   |                                   |           |          |          |      |  |
| 3                   | Is the total 2020 combined income of all the owners, and premises, less than or equal to \$92,000? (See Income for  |                                   |           |          | Yes      | No 🗌 |  |
|                     | <b>Note:</b> If you answered <i>Yes</i> to <b>both</b> questions 2 and 3, you <b>must</b> attach a copy of the 2020 federal or 2020 state income tax returns for <b>all</b> owners, including nonresident owners. If your assessor needs tax schedules and tax form attachments, they will contact you. The assessor may also require proof of age. |                                   |           |          |          |      |  |
|                     | If you were not required to file a federal or New York State income tax return for 2020, submit Form RP-425-Wkst, <i>Income for STAR Purposes Worksheet</i> , to the assessor.  |                                   |           |          |          |      |  |
|                     | If you answered <i>No</i> to <b>either</b> question 2 or 3, then you exemption, but may continue to receive Basic STAR.   | do not qualify for the            | Enhanced  | STAR     |          |      |  |
| 4                   | Do you or your spouse own another property that is <b>eithe</b> York State <b>or</b> a residency-based tax benefit in another state exemption?  | ate, such as the Florida          |           |          | Yes      | No 🗌 |  |
|                     | If Yes, attach a list with the address and exemption or   | benefit information of e          | ach prope | erty.    |          |      |  |

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# Certification

Caution: Anyone who misrepresents his or her primary residence, age, or income:

- will be subject to a penalty of the greater of \$100 or 20% of the improperly received tax savings
- · will be prohibited from receiving the STAR exemption or STAR credit for six years, and
- · may be subject to criminal prosecution.

I (we) certify that all of the above information is correct, that I (we) own the property listed above and it is my (our) primary residence. I (we) understand it is my (our) obligation to notify the assessor if I (we) relocate to another primary residence and provide any documentation of eligibility that is required.

All resident owners must sign and date this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

| Signature                        | Date                            | Signature                              | Date                      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
|                                  | -                               |  |                           |
| Signature                        | Date                            | Signature                              | Date                      |
| Return this form with Form RP-42 | 25-IVP and proof of income to y | our local assessor by taxable status d | ate (see Deadline below). |
|                                  |                                 |  |                           |
|                                  | This Area for As:               | sessor's Use Only ———                  |                           |
|                                  |                                 |  |                           |
| Date application received:       |                                 | Form RP-425-IVP received:              | Yes No                    |
| Proof of age:                    | Yes No                          | Approved:                              | Yes No                    |
| Proof of income:                 | Yes No                          |  |                           |
| Proof of residency:              | Yes No                          |  |                           |
|                                  |                                 |  |                           |
| Assessor's signature             | D                               | ate                                    |                           |
|                                  |                                 |  |                           |

# Instructions

You must submit Form RP-425-IVP with this form when applying for the Enhanced STAR exemption.

### **General information**

The Enhanced STAR exemption reduces the school tax liability for qualifying senior citizens by exempting a portion of the value of their home from the school tax.

To qualify, the home must be:

- · owner-occupied, and
- the homeowners' primary residence.

The combined 2020 income of all owners, and any spouses who reside on the property must be less than or equal to \$92,000 **and** you must have had a STAR exemption on the same property for the 2015-2016 school year.

#### Who should use this form:

You are not generally required to reapply annually for the exemption, but you must advise the assessor if the property is no longer your primary residence. You are required to reapply for the exemption if the ownership of the property has changed due to:

- · marriage,
- · divorce,
- · surrender of interest by a co-owner,
- survivorship,
- trusts,
- · life estates, or
- · name change(s).

**Deadline:** You must file this application **and proof of income and Form RP-425-IVP** with your local assessor on or before the applicable taxable status date, which is generally March 1.

### **Exceptions:**

- In the Village of Bronxville, it is January 1.
- · In Nassau County, it is January 2.
- In Westchester towns, it is either May 1 or June 1.
- In cities, check with your assessor.

For further information, ask your local assessor. Visit our website or your locality's website to find your local assessor's contact information.

Do not file this form with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance or the Office of Real Property Tax Services.

## Application instructions

Print the name and mailing address of each person who **owns** the property, including any non-resident owners. (If the title to the property is in a trust, or is held in a life estate, the trust beneficiaries or life tenants are deemed to be the owners for STAR purposes.) There is no single factor which determines whether the property is your primary residence, but the assessor will consider factors such as voting location, automobile registrations, and the

length of time you occupy the property each year. The assessor may ask you to provide proof of residency and ownership. For the enhanced exemption, proof of age may also be required.

You can find the parcel identification number on either the assessment roll or your tax bill.

## Proof of income for STAR purposes

You are required to submit proof of income with this form. Proof of income is your 2020 federal or state income tax return. **Do not** submit your 2021 tax forms. If you were not required to file a federal or New York State income tax return for 2020, complete Form RP-425-Wkst, *Income for STAR Purposes Worksheet*, and submit it to the assessor along with this form. To determine your income eligibility, use the following table to identify line references on your 2020 federal or state income tax returns.

| Form<br>number       | Title of income tax form                | Income for STAR purposes   |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Federal<br>Form 1040 | U.S. Individual<br>Income Tax<br>Return | Adjusted gross income (line 11) <b>minus</b> taxable portion of IRA distributions (line 4b)        |
| NYS<br>Form IT-201   | Resident<br>Income Tax<br>Return        | Federal adjusted gross income (line 19) <b>minus</b> taxable portion of IRA distributions (line 9) |