# **Register for the STAR Credit**

#### Why You Should Register

The Basic and Enhanced STAR benefits save most New York homeowners hundreds of dollars. If you're eligible, you'll receive a check for the amount of your STAR savings.

### Who Should Register

- If you own your home, it is your primary residence, and your income is \$500,000 or less, you may be eligible for the Basic STAR Credit.
- If you are a senior citizen with income under \$86,000 (2016 Adjusted gross income, less any taxable IRA distributions), you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR.

You should register for the New York State STAR Credit Program if you:

- Bought your home after the 2015 STAR application deadline (January 2, 2015);
- Never applied for the STAR benefit on your primary residence; or
- Received a letter advising you to register for Basic STAR.

**Note:** You do **not** need to register for STAR if you are a longtime homeowner with an *existing* STAR Exemption on your School Tax bill. See <u>STAR Exemption Program</u> for more information.

#### How to Register

When you register for the STAR Credit, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will automatically review your application to determine whether you are eligible for the Basic or Enhanced STAR Credit benefit amount.

Complete your registration online with the New York State Tax Department at <u>www.tax.ny.gov</u> (click "Changes to STAR" button). Whether you register online or on the phone, you will need to:

- 1. Provide the names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses.
- 2. Answer a few questions about the income and residency of the owners and their spouses.
- 3. Provide the date the owners purchased the property and the name of the sellers. (*Information found on your deed.*)
- 4. 2016-2017 School Tax bill (if the current owners received one ).
- 5. Address of any residential property owned in another state.
- 6. The legal name of the trust, if applicable.

**Note:** You will be prompted to provide the property's STAR code and parcel ID but they are not required to complete the registration.

Click the "**Register**" button to begin.

Additionally, low income senior citizens receiving STAR may also be eligible to apply for the Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption with the Nassau County Department of Assessment.

## THE ANNUAL FILING DEADLINE FOR THE NY STATE STAR CREDIT IS JULY 1.



You may also register by calling **1-518-457-2036**. Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. *(This is an Albany phone number.)* Please have the above information ready when registering via phone.