

About the STAR Program

NOTE: *The Middle Class STAR Rebate program was discontinued in 2009. While homeowners will no longer receive rebate checks, they will continue to receive the benefits of the Basic and Enhanced STAR exemptions on their school property tax bills. For information on the former Middle Class STAR Rebate Program, [visit the State Department of Taxation and Finance Web site.](#)*

ALL New York State residents who own their own homes can significantly reduce their school property taxes through a **School TAx Reduction (STAR)** exemption. The STAR program provides a partial exemption from school property taxes for owner-occupied, primary residences. If you own and live in your home, you're eligible for one of the two STAR exemptions: the Basic STAR exemption or the Enhanced STAR exemption.

Basic STAR

All homeowners are eligible for the Basic STAR exemption regardless of age or income. Basic STAR works by exempting approximately \$30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes.

Towns within the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District have the following Basic STAR exemptions:

Amsterdam – \$3,030
Broadalbin – \$31,330
Edinburg – \$18,490
Galway – \$19,930
Johnstown – \$21,900
Mayfield – \$25,250
Northampton – \$25,820
Perth – \$18,570
Providence – \$7,680

Enhanced STAR

Senior citizens (age 65 and older) whose yearly household incomes do not exceed \$74,700 for the 2010-11 school levy year are eligible to receive the Enhanced STAR exemption. For qualifying senior citizens, the Enhanced STAR program exempts approximately \$60,100 of the full value of their homes from school property taxes. Applicants for the Enhanced STAR exemption must be 65 years of age as of December 31 of the year in which the exemption will begin.

Towns within the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District have the following Enhanced STAR exemptions:

Amsterdam – \$5,730
Broadalbin – \$59,320
Edinburg – \$36,300

Galway – \$39,930
Johnstown – \$43,870
Mayfield – \$47,810
Northampton – \$48,910
Perth – \$35,160
Providence – \$15,390

Applying for STAR

Even though all homeowners are eligible for a STAR exemption, the savings is not automatic. You have to apply with your town assessor's office by March 1 to be eligible for the tax break – and seniors who apply for the enhanced exemption must reapply each year. If you have previously applied and been granted the Basic STAR exemption, you do not need to reapply. However, remember to notify your assessor if your primary residence changes.

For more information about the STAR program, contact the assessor's office in your town:

Amsterdam – 842-7961
Broadalbin – 883-8628
Edinburg – 863-2034
Galway – 882-6070
Johnstown – 762-6804
Mayfield – 661-5414
Northampton – 863-4875
Perth – 843-6977
Providence – 882-6541

[Learn more about the STAR program and download the necessary forms online.](#)