



Steuben County Real Property Tax Service Agency

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE STAR EXEMPTION

As a result of New York State legislation passed in 2019, the STAR **exemption** savings amounts will no longer increase. The amount saved on your school tax bill in 2019 will remain the same going forward. This applies to both BASIC STAR and ENHANCED STAR.

New York State is encouraging property owners currently receiving the STAR exemption to switch to the STAR credit. If a property owner decides to switch to the STAR credit, they will receive a check from NYS DTF instead of a reduction on their school tax bill.

The STAR credit benefit may increase by up to 2% each year as school budgets and tax rates increase but the STAR exemption benefit will not change.

In order to maximize your STAR benefit you may need to change to receive your STAR benefit in check form. The register for the STAR benefit in check form, have the following information available and follow the instructions

- 2020 School Tax Bill
- Social Security numbers for all property owners
- Birthdates of all property owners
- 2019 Income tax statement (1040 or 1099)
- Legal name of trust, if applicable

Instructions for registering to receive your STAR benefit in the form of a check:

Click on this link: <https://www8.tax.ny.gov/STRP/strpStart>

1. You will be prompted to enter the numbers for the security code shown on the screen then click continue. Scroll down and click "Make the Switch"
2. Answer the question "Is the property part of a mobile home park or co-op building?" Then click "No" for "Do you have a property key?" then click the drop-down arrow and choose the County. Click next drop-down arrow and choose City or town in which property is located. Click Continue.
3. Complete property owner name and property location information and click Search.
4. Scroll down, click on your property, click the circle to select your property then click Continue.
5. Finish answering all questions (scroll down to make sure all questions have been answered)
6. Once all questions have been answered, click Submit.
7. Be sure to print and save your confirmation for future reference.

If you have questions concerning the STAR benefit registration:

Call NYS STAR Hotline: 518-457-2036 – wait times may be long

Call your local municipal Assessor – link to list of Assessors:

<https://www.steubencony.org/Files/Documents/rpt/2020%20Assessor%20List%20TOWN%20&%20CITY.pdf>