



### Application for School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption

(See instructions on the back of form. **March 1, 2012**)

Name and telephone number of owner(s)

Mailing address of owner(s)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Day Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Property**

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

Village (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

City/town \_\_\_\_\_

School district \_\_\_\_\_

Tax map number or section/block/lot \_\_\_\_\_

Property identification (see tax bill or assessment roll)

1. Did the combined income of the owners and spouses who reside on the property exceed \$500,000 in the **2010** income tax year? *Note: The NYS Department of Tax & Finance will be confirming the income eligibility of STAR recipients.* Yes  No

2. Do you or your spouse own any other property that is currently receiving the STAR exemption? Yes  No

3. Do you or your spouse own property in another state that you are claiming as your full time residence and are receiving a residency tax benefit, such as the Florida Homestead exemption? Yes  No   
If yes, please give the address of each such property: \_\_\_\_\_

You may be eligible for a larger school property tax savings if you meet these **age and income** requirements:

- 4. If you are applying for STAR for the 2012-2013 school year:
  - a) Will all owners be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2012? **OR**
  - b) If the property is owned by married couples or by siblings, will at least one of the spouses or siblings be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2012? Yes  No
- 5. Is the total 2010 income of all the owners, and of any owners' spouses residing on the premises, \$79,050 or less? (See definition of income for STAR purposes on back of form.) Yes  No

**If the answer to both questions 4 and 5 is yes**, all owners, including non-resident owners, must attach a copy of either their 2010 Federal or 2010 State income tax return (if filed). (Tax schedules and tax form attachments are not routinely required.) The assessor may require proof of age.

**Return this form to your local assessor by March 1, 2012.** Do **NOT** file this form with the Department of Taxation and Finance or Office of Real Property Tax Services.

**Caution:** Anyone who misrepresents his or her primary residence, age or income shall be subject to a \$100 penalty, shall be prohibited from receiving the STAR exemption for five years, and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

I (we) certify that all of the above information is correct **that the property listed above is owned by me (us) and is my (our) primary residence and that my (our) 2010 income was less than \$500,000.** I (we) understand it is my (our) obligation to notify the assessor if I (we) relocate to another primary residence and to provide any documentation of eligibility that is requested.

**All resident owners must sign and date.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**\*\*Remember to return by March 1, 2012\*\***

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The **New York State School Tax Relief (STAR) Program** provides an exemption from school taxes for owner-occupied, primary residences where the combined 2010 income of the owners and spouses who reside on the property does not exceed \$500,000. Senior citizens with combined 2010 incomes that do not exceed \$79,050 may qualify for a larger "Enhanced" exemption. **Senior citizens who wish to continue receiving Enhanced STAR in future years without having to reapply and submit copies of their tax returns to their assessor every year are invited to sign up for the STAR Income Verification Program. Please see Form RP-425-IVP for more information.** Seniors who do not choose to enroll in the income verification program must reapply each year to keep the Enhanced exemption in effect. If you are receiving the "Basic" exemption, you usually do not need to reapply in subsequent years, but you must notify the assessor if your primary residence changes and must provide income documentation when requested.

**Deadline:** The application must be filed on or before **March 1, 2012**

**Proof of Residency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Instructions:** Print the name and mailing address of each person who both **owns and primarily resides** in the property. (If the title to the property is in a trust, the trust beneficiaries are deemed to be the owners for STAR purposes.) There is no single factor which determines whether the property is your primary residence, but factors such as utility bills, voting and automobile registrations, and the length of time you occupy the property each year may be relevant. The assessor may ask you to provide proof of residency and ownership. For the enhanced exemption, proof of age may also be required. The parcel identification number may be obtained from either the assessment roll or your tax bill.

**Income for STAR Purposes:** Use the following table for identifying line references on 2010 Federal and State income tax forms. You may NOT use your 2011 tax forms.

Form #	Name of Income Tax Form	Income for STAR Purposes
IRS Form 1040	"U.S. Individual Income Tax Return"	Line 37 minus line 15b <i>"adjusted gross income" minus "taxable amount" (of total IRA distributions)</i>
IRS Form 1040A	"U.S. Individual Income Tax Return"	Line 21 minus line 11b <i>"adjusted gross income" minus "taxable amount" (of total IRA distributions)</i>
IRS Form 1040EZ	"Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers With No Dependents"	Line 4 only <i>"adjusted gross income" (No adjustment needed for IRA's.)</i>
NYS Form IT-201	"Resident Income Tax Return" (long form)	Line 18 minus line 9 <i>"federal adjusted gross income" minus "taxable amount of IRA distributions"</i>
NYS Form IT-150	"Resident Income Tax Return" (short form)	Line 11 minus line 5 <i>"federal adjusted gross income" minus "taxable amount of IRA distributions"</i>

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Application received _____	Approved Yes _____ No _____
Proof of age _____	Senior additional Yes _____ No _____
Proof of income _____	Form RP-425-IVP/RP-425-BV/Tax Return
Proof of residency _____	received Yes _____ No _____
Assessor's signature _____	Date _____

\*\*Must be returned by March 1, 2012\*\*

