

EXEMPTIONS:

NEW STAR applicants—you will no longer be able to receive STAR directly on the school tax bill. Instead, it will come as a REBATE check. You will need to register with the Department of Taxation and Finance to receive the rebate at www.tax.ny.gov/star

Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (518-457-2036)

ENHANCED STAR RENEWALS ONLY – income limit of all owners and spouse \$86,000.

Must be renewed each year (December-February) by returning a signed renewal form along with your income tax return from the prior year. Renewals are sent to you in December.

Your income must be supplied UNLESS you are in the income verification program (IVP)

Income Worksheet – This is only for owners that do NOT file income taxes

NOTE: STAR is only applied to your School Tax bill.

AGED (lower income seniors) – sliding scale 5% to 50% based on income – must be primary residence.

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Town/County/School income limit - \$37,000 – must include gross Social Security before Medicare payment deducted.

DISABLED WITH LIMITED INCOME – sliding scale 5% to 50% - must supply SSDI award letter and income
Town/County/School income limit - \$37,400

VETERANS

WarVet – Town/County/School Taxes – up to 15% of assessed value

Combat Vet – Town/County/School Taxes – up to an additional 10% of assessed value

Disabled Vet – Town/County/School Taxes – up to ½ of the disability rating

Cold War – County/Town Taxes – 10 year exemption – up to 15% of assessed value

Disabled Cold War – County/Town Taxes – up to ½ of the disability rating

AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION – available for owner operators and leased land

Must be used for agricultural purposes and at least 7 acres

Renew yearly – Gross Agricultural income verified each year

Please visit Columbia County Soil and Water District to obtain a soils group worksheet prior to applying.

EXEMPTION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE at COLUMBIA COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE AGENCY or NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE