

Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages: “Property Tax Relief Is Here!”

NEW SAVINGS,
SIMPLER RULES,
MORE MONEY BACK
IN YOUR POCKET!

This year's
State Budget delivers:

- \$2.2 billion in STAR relief for homeowners
- Simpler enrollment and easier rules

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Message from Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages

Dear Neighbor,

The 2025-26 New York State Budget delivers real property tax relief for homeowners through the **STAR (School Tax Relief)** and **Enhanced STAR** programs.

Here's what is new for you to know:

What's in the State Budget?

- **\$2.2 Billion in Savings:** Nearly 3 million homeowners will share in STAR tax relief this year.
- **Easier Enrollment:** Homeowners who are not required to file income tax returns can maintain their benefit without the need to file income verification forms if they were eligible for STAR for three consecutive years.
- **Fairer Rules:** Only one homeowner needs to be age 65 or older for Enhanced STAR.
- **Bigger savings for seniors with Enhanced STAR**
- **Streamlined Income Check:** Income is now based only on homeowners who primarily reside in the property.
- **Faster Delivery:** STAR credits can be sent by direct deposit—no need to wait for checks.



Who qualifies?

- **STAR Benefit:** Homeowners with incomes up to \$500,000 for the Basic STAR Credit program (the income limit for the Basic STAR Exemption program is \$250,000).
- **Enhanced STAR:** Seniors 65+ with incomes up to \$107,300.

This year's State Budget builds on previous budget wins...

- **Easier Enrollment:** Seniors aging into Enhanced STAR no longer need to reapply with local assessors.

How to Apply or Check Your STAR CHECK Status:

- Visit www.tax.ny.gov/star
- Call **(518) 457-2036**

Why it matters?

These benefits can save you **hundreds of dollars each year** and help New Yorkers stay in their homes.

As your Assemblywoman, I will continue working to protect homeowners and make living in our community more affordable.

