



TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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RP-425-E

Option 1: Traditional STAR Benefit First Time Enhanced STAR Application Instructions

The STAR benefit applies STAR directly to your School tax bill. The STAR benefit is no longer eligible for any increase in value. It will remain at its current level. To be eligible your income must be under the \$90,550 limit.

The following information is due to the Assessor's Office no later than **March 1, 2021**:

1. Complete & sign the RP-425-E and RP-425-IVP forms.
2. Provide one proof residency:
 - a. Driver's License (stickers on the back are not accepted)
 - b. Voter's Registration Card
 - c. Auto Registration
 - d. Current Paystub
3. Proof that you are turning 65 prior to the end of 2021 or are already 65 years old.
4. *Mobile Home Owners*: a copy of your bill of sale must accompany the application.
5. Proof of income earned in **2019**:
 - a. Federal Income Tax Return (1040 form)
 - b. All schedules attached to your 1040 form
OR
 - c. New York State Tax Return (IT-201 form)
6. If you **do not** file a tax return please provide the following:
 - a. RP-425 Worksheet
 - b. Proof of non-filing from IRS (additional information available)
 - c. Social Security 1099
 - d. Railroad Retirement 1099
 - e. Veteran's Compensation Award Letter
 - f. Pension 1099
 - g. Rental Income Worksheet (provided by Assessor's Office)
 - h. Business Income Profit & Loss Statement
 - i. Wage W-2
 - j. Interest Earned on Checking/Savings Accounts
 - k. Return on Stocks/Bonds
 - l. Annuities 1099 or Annuity Statement outlining income earned
 - m. Gambling Winnings
 - n. Any other sources of income

The application and all applicable income documentation are due to the Assessor's Office no later than March 1, 2021!



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Option 2: STAR Credit Check First Time Enhanced STAR Application Instructions

The STAR credit recipient receives a rebate check directly from New York State Department of Taxation & Finance. The STAR credit may be eligible for an annual 2% increase in value. In order to be eligible for the possible increase, you have to convert to the STAR Credit Check. If you choose not to convert, the value of STAR is unchanging.

The following are ways to switch to the STAR Credit Check:

1. Call 518-457-2036
2. Visit www.tax.ny.gov/star
 - a. Click "Register for STAR"
 - b. Follow the registration prompts

Before you register, have the following information at hand for reference. If you do not have the necessary information, you will not be able to save the registration to complete later.

- names and Social Security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses (you may be asked to enter this information more than once to show the relationships between owners)
- the primary residence of the owners and their spouses
- approximate date the owners purchased the property and the name of the sellers (this information is not required, but it can help us to smoothly process your registration)
- 2019 school tax bill, if the current owners received one
- address of any residential property owned in another state
- the legal name of the trust, if applicable
- 2018 federal or state income tax returns for all owners

If you were **not** required to file a 2018 income tax return, you will need the following additional information for all property owners:

- total wages, salaries, and tips;
- taxable interest income and dividends;
- unemployment compensation;
- total pensions and annuities;
- Social Security benefits; and
- other income