

NASSAU RX PROGRAM

All Nassau County residents are eligible for the Nassau Rx Program, a free drug discount card that provides discounts on the cost of prescription medications that are not covered by other insurance programs.

For information and to obtain a card, call:
1-877-321-2652

TOGETHER RX ACCESS

This program provides savings on many prescription and generic drugs and products. To qualify for a card, individuals must meet income eligibility guidelines, be a legal resident, and have no other prescription coverage of any kind, including Medicare.

For information, please visit
www.togetherrxaccess.com

LOCAL DRUG DISCOUNTS

Various local drug stores offer special discounts to older people. Some chain stores issue their own cards.

For more information on Rx discounts and other discounts, please visit:
<http://bit.ly/NassauCoSeniorDiscounts>



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Enhanced STAR Property Tax Exemption

What does it do?

Enhanced STAR reduces the taxable value of your home before the school tax rate is applied.

Who is eligible?

All homeowners must be 65 or older, except for spouses or siblings, and total income must be \$86,000 or less, which is the combined income of:

- All owners, and
- Any owner's spouse who lives in the home.

How much will I save?

Enhanced STAR exempts the first \$65,500 of the full value of your home.

How do I apply for Enhanced STAR?

File an application with your assessor. You must show that the household income was no greater than \$86,000 in 2016. You may do this in one of two ways:

Option 1, The Traditional Method

Provide your assessor with your STAR application, a copy of your 2016 income tax return and a copy of any other owner's 2016 tax return. You'll need to reapply each year to remain eligible.

Option 2, STAR Income Verification Program

Provide your assessor with your STAR application, a copy of your 2016 income tax return, a copy of any other owner's 2016 tax return, and Form RP-425-IVP, Optional Income Verification Program, which authorizes the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to verify your income eligibility each year. With this option, you won't need to reapply each year. The Tax Department will determine your eligibility on your behalf.

What is the deadline for applying?

You must mail or hand deliver your application to the assessor's office by the taxable status dates. In most municipalities, this date is March 1, but it varies in some cities or counties. If you choose to mail your application, the envelope must be postmarked on or before that date. Information on your taxable status date can be found here: <http://orpts.tax.ny.gov/MuniPro/>.

For more information on the Enhanced STAR Program, visit the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance's website:

www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/types.htm



Other useful information:

Nassau County Office for the Aging

60 Charles Lindbergh Blvd.

Uniondale, NY 11553-3691

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging>

Ph: 516-227-8900

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Emergency: 911



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Getting the focus on EPIC

What is EPIC?

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health.

Since 2011, Assemblyman Brian Curran has voted to restore millions of dollars to the EPIC program to help seniors afford their medications! To join EPIC, a senior must:

- Be a New York State resident;
- Have an annual income below \$75,000 if single or \$100,000 if married;
- Be enrolled or eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D (no exceptions); and
- Not be receiving full Medicaid benefits.

For more information regarding the EPIC program, visit <http://bit.ly/epicreq>, or call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY: 1-800-290-9138).

Nassau County Connects, Choices for Long-Term Care

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/PublicCRD/>

Senior Citizen Clubs, Centers & Recreational Programs

There are over 250 clubs and centers located throughout the county, which provide programs that offer opportunities for productive and satisfying use of leisure hours. Information on meeting times and places of groups in local communities can be obtained by visiting this website: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1495/Recreation-Education>.