2027 Purple Star Application

The Purple Star designation recognizes schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting military-connected students and families. The award is granted to individual school buildings and is valid for three years. Each school must submit a separate application. District-level awards are not available. Applications are due by **Dec. 15, 2026**.

To prepare, review the Purple Star requirements and meet all criteria listed in the application rubric. The application cannot be submitted until the form is complete. You will receive a copy of your application and a scored rubric by January 15, 2027. Your rubric will indicate if remediation is necessary.

The follow resources can assist you with meeting Purple Star criteria and understanding the role of the military family liaison.

- **Purple Star Webpage**: https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Military-Resources/Schools/Purple-Star-Award
- **Application Rubric**: Link when available
- **Sample Application**: Link when available

Application Timeline

- **November 1**: Application window opens;
- **December 15**: Application window closes;
- **January 15**: Application remediation window opens;
- **March 1**: Application remediation window closes;
- **April**: Purple Star Awards announced.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov.

School Information

1. School Name *

2. District Name *

3. School Address *

4. City *

5. State *

6. Zip Code *

The value must be a number

7. County *

8. Principal Name *

9. Principal Email *

Please enter an email

10. Superintendent Name *

11. Superintendent Email *

Please enter an email

12. Please select the statement that best describes your school. *

- ◯ We are a **new** applicant to Purple Star.
- ◯ Our school is **renewing** our Purple Star designation.

Military Family Liaison

The school designates a building staff member as the point-of-contact for military students and families. This liaison serves as the primary connection between the families and the school. District personnel can be listed the additional liaison.

13. Military Family Liaison Name *

14. Military Family Liaison Email *

Please enter an email

15. Military Family Liaison Phone Number *

16. School Role *

17. Is the primary liaison new or continuing liaison? *

- ◯ New
- ◯ Continuing

18. Additional Military Family Liaison (**Optional**)

19. Additional Military Family Liaison Email (**Optional**)

Please enter an email

Professional Development

Liaisons need to complete a new professional development activity each renewal cycle. Liaisons that previously completed the Military Students in Ohio's Schools Course need to complete a different professional development activity to demonstrate continuing professional development.

Visit the Purple Star webpage for links to professional development sources. https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Military-Resources/Schools/Purple-Star-Award

20. Select the professional development that the military family liaison completed. *

- [ ] Military Students in Ohio's Schools Course (New Liaisons Only)
- [ ] MCEC Purple Star Schools Course
- [ ] Military Students in Ohio's Schools LMS Course
- [ ] Military Child Education Coalition Introductory Videos
- [ ] MCEC Learning Hub
- [ ] Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness
- [ ] Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission
- [ ] Purple Star USA National Convening
- [ ] Ohio Purple Star Summit
- [ ] Ohio Purple Star Roundtable
- [ ] PsychArmor
- [ ] Other

21. What are **two** useful ideas you gained from the professional development training? *

22. **Optional Activity**: Did the liaison provide professional development on the special considerations for military students and families to all of the staff in the school? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

23. Describe the schoolwide professional development that was provided to your staff on the special considerations for military students and families. *

Website

Purple Star schools maintain a dedicated webpage featuring resources for military families and contact information for the Military Family Liaison. It can be listed on either a district or building webpage. District webpages need to list the contact information for each building liaison in the district.

24. Does your military family resource webpage list resources and the contact information for your Military Family Liaison? *

- ◯ Yes, my webpage contains resources and provides current contact information for the military family liaison.

25. Provide the web address for your military families resource page. *

Please enter a URL

Military Student Identification

Federal law requires public schools to identify students who have parents or guardians currently serving in the military. **Do not** include data on students from veteran families or provide any personally identifiable information.
For more information visit the Identification of Military-Connected Students webpage:
https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Military-Resources/Schools/Identification-of-Military-Connected-Students

26. How do parents indicate their military status? *

- [ ] Online Enrollment/Annual Review form (e.g. Final Forms)
- [ ] Online Survey (e.g. Google Form)
- [ ] Paper-based Questionnaire

27. Explain the process your school uses to identify military-connected students. *

Your response can include descriptions of how you identify military-connected students during enrollment, how you access military student identification data in your student information system, or how you share identification data at the district and building level.

28. Describe how classroom teachers are informed about military-connected students in your school. *

29. How many students from active duty families attend your school? *

The value must be a number

30. How many students from reserve families attend your school? *

The value must be a number

31. How many students from National Guard families attend your school? *

The value must be a number

32. **Optional Activity**: Does your school identify students who's a parent or guardian is a veteran, have a sibling in the military, or are a gold star family. *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

33. Select the box for each additional student group you identifiy. *

- ☐ Veteran Connected Families (Parents or Guardians not currently serving in the military)
- ☐ Sibling Connections (Students with a sibling currently serving in the military)
- ☐ Gold Star Families (Students who lost a parent or guardian while on duty)

34. Explain your process for identifying students with veteran, sibling, or gold star connections. *

Student Engagement

Schools must demonstrate how they directly engage, interact with, and support military-connected students. Examples of these programs include a monthly club for military-connected students, lunch groups, and regular check-ins between the liaison and identified students. Schools can also meet this requirement by implementing a peer-to-peer transition (student ambassador) program.

35. Describe how you directly engage and support military-connected students at your school. *

For this activity, military-connected students can include students with a parent or guardian currently serving in the military, veterans, siblings, and gold star families.

36. How often do you engage with your military-connected students? *

- ◯ Weekly
- ◯ Monthly
- ◯ Quarterly

Family Engagement and Community Engagement

37. Describe how your school communicates with military families. *

Examples should include two-way communication methods between the school and families.

38. Describe events your school hosted that supports a positive military culture. *

Choose all that apply. Events need to have been completed during this application cycle.

- [ ] Patriots Day (Sept. 11)
- [ ] Day of the Deployed (Oct. 26)
- [ ] Month of the Military Family (Nov.)
- [ ] Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
- [ ] Month of the Military Child (April)
- [ ] Month of the Military Caregiver (May)
- [ ] Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
- [ ] Military Family Event
- [ ] Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner
- [ ] Military Spirit Week
- [ ] Purple Up Day
- [ ] Military Themed Sporting Events
- [ ] Military Signing Event
- [ ] Service Project
- [ ] Academic Project
- [ ] Recognizing Military-Connected Staff
- [ ] School Board Resolution
- [ ] Collaborations with Military Units
- [ ] Collaborations with Veteran Organizations
- [ ] Other

39. Please provide a short summary of each event you indicated above. *

40. Describe how families were included in any of the events you listed. *

Additional Questions

(**Optional**) Email any evidence and artifacts for your application to purplestar@education.ohio.gov. List your school name in the subject line.

41. What plans and strategies do you have for the next three years to maintain or expand your Purple Star program? *

42. **Optional**: What successes and/or challenges your school has had in supporting military-connected students this application cycle?

43. **Optional:** How are you helping other schools become Purple Star schools? These schools can be in your district or in another district.

    This can include schools in and outside of your district.

44. I hereby certify the above statements are unique to my school and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false or inauthentic statement may disqualify my application. By entering your **name and title**, you acknowledge you are authorized to submit this application on behalf of your school. *

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