



Supporting Military Families

### Purple Star Class of 2025 New School Application

**The Purple Star designation is awarded for three years to schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. This application is due by Dec. 15, 2024.**

**Applicants can view the entire application on the [Purple Star Designation](#) webpage to prepare answers ahead of time.**

**A separate application needs to be filled out for each school applying for the award. The Purple Star Award is provided to individual school buildings and there is not a district award.**

**To review application requirements, visit the [Purple Star Designation](#) webpage. Visit the [Military Family Liaison](#) webpage for more information about supporting military-connected students.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov](mailto:PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov).**

**Awardees will be announced in April 2025.**



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Military Family Liaison

**In this section, please provide information about your school and your Military Family Liaison.**

**The primary Military Family Liaison needs to be staff member of the school district and have direct access to students and staff in the school building to be able to provide support. Schools may have a district liaison that can be listed as a secondary Military Family Liaison for the school.**

\* 1. Please fill out the contact information below.

School Name	<input type="text"/>
District Name	<input type="text"/>
School IRN	<input type="text"/>
School Address	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code	<input type="text"/>
County	<input type="text"/>
Military Family Liaison Name	<input type="text"/>
Military Family Liaison Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Military Family Liaison Email	<input type="text"/>
Principal Name	<input type="text"/>
Principal Email	<input type="text"/>
Superintendent Name	<input type="text"/>
Superintendent Email	<input type="text"/>

\* 2. Optional: If you have a secondary Military Family Liaison at your school, list their contact information here.

Additional Military Family Liaison	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

\* 3. Has your school previously earned the Purple Star Award?

- Yes, our award expired and we are reapplying.
- No



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### Professional Development

**Applicants need to describe the professional development that the Military Family Liaison completed and how it has impacted their school.**

\* 4. Purple Star schools are required to have a Military Family Liaison complete professional development activity related to supporting students in military families. New applicants may use the [Military Children in Ohio's Schools](#) training provided by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce or the 8-part series from the [Military Child Education Coalition](#). If another professional develop activity was used, provide details of this activity for consideration.

- Military Students in Ohio's Schools LMS Course
- Military Child Education Coalition Training
- Other (please specify)

\* 5. What are two useful ideas you gained from the professional development training?

\* 6. How has information gained from the professional development been implemented or communicated to the school community (staff, students, families)?



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*Webpage*

**Qualifying Purple Star schools maintain a dedicated page on their website featuring resources for military families and contact information for the Military Family Liaison. It can be listed on either a district or building webpage.**

**It is recommended that the webpage is 1-2 clicks from the district or building webpage and should be easily accessible for families.**

\* 7. Provide the web address for your military families resource page. Make sure the link leads directly to the webpage on the building or district website.

\* 8. Does the webpage contain the contact information for your Military Family Liaison?

Yes

No



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#### Military Student Identification

**All schools are required to identify students who have parents or guardians currently serving in the military. In this section do not list information about students from veteran families.**

**For more information visit the [Identification of Military-Connected Students](#) webpage.**

\* 9. Explain the process your school uses to identify military-connected students? Include how this information is collected and reported at the district and school level.

\* 10. Describe how classroom teachers are informed about military-connected students in your school.

\* 11. Please provide information about the military-connected students at your school.

Number of students  
from active-duty  
families.

Number of students  
from reserve families.

Number of students  
from National Guard  
families.



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#### Additional Activities

**Each school needs to complete at least one additional activity from this list to be honored with the Purple Star Award. You will need to complete this section for each additional activity you completed.**

\* 12. Purple Star schools must complete at least one of the following but are strongly encouraged to do more to show their support of military families. Select any or all of the following that your school has completed.

- The school provides professional development to all staff on special considerations for military students and families.
- The school hosts a military recognition event that demonstrates a supportive culture. The hosting of a military recognition event is in addition to Veterans Day celebrations for this activity. Hosting a Veterans Day celebration on its own does not meet this requirement.
- The school implements social and emotional development programs with the military child in mind. Examples of these programs include a monthly club for military-connected students, lunch groups and regular check-ins between the liaison and identified students.
- The school implements a peer-to-peer transition program that trains student ambassadors to provide tours and engage in activities with all students that are transitioning in or out of the school or when a service member deploys.
- The school celebrates the Month of the Military Child (April) with events or programming honoring military-connected students.
- The school has processes in place to identify students with military connections beyond what is required under federal law. Schools also need to host an event for veterans or include veteran and sibling-connected students in student programs similar to those offered to students from families currently serving in the military. This may include Veterans Day celebrations.

\* 13. Describe how your school implemented **each** activity you selected.



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### Additional Questions

**Please answer these final questions to complete your application.**

14. Optional: If you would like to provide evidence of activities please upload pictures or other documents here.

You can only update one item. If you have multiple pictures or large items, it is recommended to attach them to a word document with embedded hyperlinks.

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen

\* 15. What plans and strategies do you have for the next three years to continue your building's intentional and personal focus on supporting military-connected students and families?

\* 16. 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, you acknowledge you are authorized to submit this application on behalf of your school.

Name

Title