



Purple Star | 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, 2021.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov. New and renewed Purple Star schools will be announced in April 2022.

Section 1

Contact Information

- 1.School Name
- 2.School IRN#
- 3.School District
- 4.School Military-Connected Youth Liaison Name
- 5.School Military-Connected Youth Liaison Phone Number
- 6.School Military-Connected Youth Liaison Email
- 7.Principal Name
- 8.Principal Email Address
- 9.Superintendent Name
- 10.Superintendent Email Address
- 11.Optional: School Military-Connected Youth Point-of-Contact Name (2)
- 12.Optional: School Military-Connected Youth Point-of-Contact Email Address (2)
- 13.Optional: School Military-Connected Youth Point-of-Contact Name (3)
- 14.Optional: School Military-Connected Youth Point-of-Contact Name (3)

Section 2

Webpage

Qualifying Purple Star schools maintain a dedicated page on their website featuring resources for military families.

- 15.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.

Section 3

Professional Development

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, section 8101(42) defines "professional development," specifically noting that the professional development activities are sustained (not stand-alone, 1-day, or short term workshops), intensive, collaborative, job-embedded, data-driven, and classroom-focused.

Purple Star schools are required to have a Military-Connected Youth Liaison complete professional development activities related to supporting students in military families. Each point of contact is required to participate in a professional development training focused on military families. Applicants may use the *Military Children in Ohio's Schools* training provided by the Ohio Department of Education or another professional development opportunity of their choice.

16.What is the name and provider of the professional development activities that the liaison completed?

17.How was the information gained from the professional development communicated to the school community (staff, students, families)?

18.What are two useful ideas you got from the professional development training and how have you implemented these ideas in your school?

19.Has your school staff participated in professional development activities related to supporting students in military families (in addition to the professional development you have completed as the military connected youth liaison)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Section 4

Activities

The Purple Star Award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. Purple Star schools demonstrate this commitment by completing at least one of optional activities that demonstrate the school's ongoing commitment to supporting military-connected youth and their families.

If you would like to provide evidence of these activities, do so by emailing pictures or links to PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov with your school name as the subject.

20.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 for staff on special considerations for military students and families.
- ☐ The local school board passes a resolution publicizing the school's support for military children and families.

- ☐ The school hosts a military recognition event that demonstrates a supportive culture.
- ☐ The school implements social and emotional development programs with the military child in mind.
- ☐ The school celebrates the Month of the Military Child (April) with events or programming honoring military-connected students.

21. Describe how the above selected military-connected activities are age appropriate for the students in your school. If you would like to provide evidence of these activities, please do so by emailing pictures or links to PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov with your school name as the subject.

22. Share the date of your most recent military-connected youth activity.

Section 5

Connection to Students

At the heart of the Purple Star award is the commitment to supporting students and families connected to the military. Military-Connected Youth Liaisons identify and inform staff of military-connected students in their school and special considerations military families and students should receive.

23. What process does your school use to identify and inform school staff of the military-connected students in their classrooms and special considerations military families and their students should receive?

24. How many military-connected students do you currently serve in your school?

25. Describe how staff make connections with military-connected students in your school.

26. 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?

Section 6

Certification

27. 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.