



**PURPLE STAR SCHOOL
AWARD PROGRAM**

For School Year 2025/2026
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The Tennessee Purple Star School Award recognizes schools that are dedicated to supporting military-connected students and their families. To earn this award, a school must complete a series of required activities and at least one optional activity.

Who is behind the Tennessee Purple Star School Award?

The Tennessee Purple Star School Award is a partnership between the Tennessee State Board of Education and the Tennessee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (TN-MIC3).

Where can I find information regarding the Tennessee Purple Star School Award? <https://www.tn.gov/sbe/committees-and-initiatives/military-interstate-children-s-compact-tennessee-state-council--mic3-/pssa.html>

Who may apply for the Purple Star School Award?

Any public school, not a district, that completes the application and meets all of the requirements. Applications open September 15, 2025, and close January 15, 2026.

What evidence can be submitted to verify an activity?

A school may submit any items that show that the activity occurred and was done in the spirit of the Purple Star School Award.

- ★ Examples include sign-in sheets, agendas, flyers, event pictures, videos, or links.

What is the best way to provide evidence?

Attaching all documents as PDF files provides the best method of identifying the activity. Links are easiest for sharing web pages and videos.

What if our school is doing an activity that is in the spirit of the Purple Star School Award, but it isn't on the list?

The list is only a starting point. Any activity that meets the requirement and is in the spirit of the award should be submitted.

Who can be considered the contact person for the school?

Any person who is considered part of the staff of a building and who has completed a professional development opportunity on the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3).

Where can the Point of Contact attend professional development?

Training can be found in either of these links. Be sure they will provide you with a certificate of completion.

<https://mic3.net/training-resources/>

<https://mcec.talentlms.com/plus/external-catalog>

How do I know if the school's application has been received?

The school will receive a confirmation via email. The email will only confirm that the evidence has been received, not its completion or proof of receiving an award.

Are there specific rules on handling the enrollment and transfer of military-connected children?

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/mic3/2023/MIC3-Rules-Book-WEB.pdf>

Where can I learn more about the Military Interstate Children's Compact and its rules?

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/mic3/2023/MIC3-Rules-Book-WEB.pdf>

Questions Regarding the Award?

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