



PURPLE STAR SCHOOL  
AWARD PROGRAM

*For School Year 2026/2027*  
*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, 2026, and close January 15, 2027.

**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 is the best way to identify the activity. Links are the easiest way to share 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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