

## The Purple Star Award

*The Purple Star Award for military-friendly schools recognizes schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's armed forces. Purple Star awardees receive a special Purple Star recognition to display in their buildings.*

### HOW TO QUALIFY

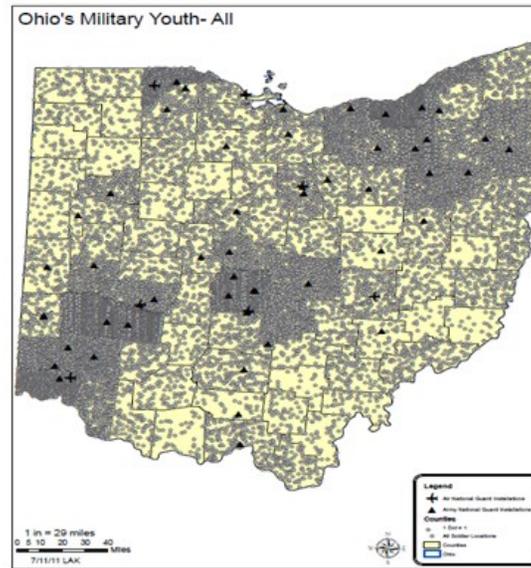
- ◇ The school must have a staff point of contact for military students and families.
- ◇ The point of contact completes professional development on special considerations for military students and families under federal law.
- ◇ The school keeps a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families.

### Optional school activities

- The school provides professional development on federally identified special considerations for military students and families during a staff meeting or another event;
- The local school board passes a resolution of the school's support for military children and families;
- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

**\*\*\*For more information about the Purple Star Award and how to apply, visit the Ohio Department of Education's website.**

~There are roughly 30,000 Military Connected Youth in Ohio~



~Military Youth are in every county and most likely in your school district~

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## OHIO NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY READINESS & WARRIOR SUPPORT



Youth Program

Education Outreach

## Educational Resources

[www.tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com) — 24 hour live homework hotline (free for military connected youth).

[MilitaryKidsConnect.dcoe.mil](http://MilitaryKidsConnect.dcoe.mil) — Online community where kids, tweens and teens can de-stress and connect with other military kids their age. Helps kids develop coping skills and build psychological health & resilience.

[www.March2success.com](http://www.March2success.com) — Test preparation courses for standardized tests, as well as ASVAB.

[www.eKnowledge.com/NationalGuard](http://www.eKnowledge.com/NationalGuard) — Offers \$250 worth of SAT and ACT test prep programs for under \$20.

[www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net) — National compact that provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. All 50 states have adopted the compact. The compact covers:

*Enrollment*

*Placement and Attendance*

*Eligibility*

*Graduation*

## Educational Resources

[www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org) — Provides up to a \$500 grant to children who have a parent deployed overseas. Available for ages five thru high school for sports, tutoring and fine arts.

[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org) — MCEC (Military Child Education Coalition) is a partnership between Boys and Girls Club of America and the Armed Forces. They provide prepaid programs and services for military youth.

[www.SchoolQuest.org](http://www.SchoolQuest.org) — Helps military related kids transition from high school to college, or the workplace. Includes a scholarship finder for military connected youth.

**National Guard School Programs** — Programs, presentations, and resources for students, teachers, counselors, and administrators. Absolutely free and tailored to the needs of your classroom and community.

### Literature

- *Tackling Tough Topics: An Educator's Guide to working with Military Kids*
- **AASA Toolkit: Supporting the Military Child**

## Programs

Our programs are intended to let military connected youth know they are not alone and provide them with the tools to help them cope with the stresses involved with being part of a military family.

- ◆ **Hero Camps:** One day camps for the whole family that provide exciting learning experiences while integrating key resiliency skills.
- ◆ **Troop and Family Camps:** Weekend camps for the whole family to strengthen ties and build camaraderie with other military families.
- ◆ **Youth and Teen Camps:** Ohio Military Kids (OMK) offers two residential camps, held concurrently at Kelleys Island in Lake Erie! Military Youth participate in service learning projects, build relationships with military peers, learn resiliency, develop habits for healthy living and instill pride in being a military kid.
- ◆ **Parent Workshops:** Assist parents in improving home life, a child's academics and family relationships.



For more information about our programs, visit:

<http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/ohio-military-kids>

OR

[http://www.ong.ohio.gov/frg/frg\\_youthprograms.html](http://www.ong.ohio.gov/frg/frg_youthprograms.html)  
for more information.