



Purple Star Champion Designation Rules

The Montana Office of Public Instruction and the Montana Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission is accepting Purple Star Champion nominations from August 18, 2025 to October 31, 2025. Award recipients will be announced in November 2025.

The Purple Star School Champion designation is for military-friendly school administrators, educators, school staff, and community supporters that have shown a major commitment to military connected students and families.

To be considered for the Purple Star Champion award, an individual must be nominated by a student, family member of a student, colleague, or superior for going above and beyond for our military-connected students and families. These school champions will be awarded the Purple Star Champion Award should they meet the following criteria. The Purple Star Advisory Subcommittee helps decide an individual's eligibility for the award.

CHAMPION AWARD CATEGORIES

School Administrator

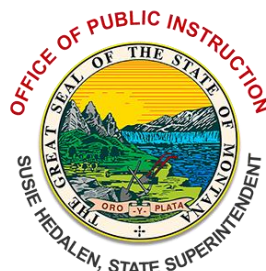
- Including but not limited to:
 - Superintendent(s)
 - Principal(s)
 - Coordinators(s)

Educator

- Including but not limited to:
 - Teacher(s)
 - Counselor(s)
 - Coach(s)
 - Librarian(s)
 - Substitute Teacher(s)

School Support Staff

- Including but not limited to:
 - Office Administrator(s)
 - Paraprofessional(s)
 - Teacher Aide(s)
 - Custodial Engineer(s)
 - Lunchroom Attendant(s)



Community Supporter

- Advocate for Purple Star Schools and MIC3 within the surrounding community (individual, business, committee, etc.)

QUALIFIERS

- The “champion” must fall under one of the four award categories.
- The nomination must include an example of how the “champion” has gone above and beyond for military-connected students and/or families
- The “educator” must be nominated by a parent, student, or colleague.
- Nominees should have had a positive impact on a military-connected student(s) and be an example of service over self.
- Nominations need to include a testimony from the nominator

QUESTIONS

- If you have any questions, please contact OPIMIC3@mt.gov .

