

6A-1.09991 Collegiate Purple Star Campuses

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to establish the Collegiate Purple Star Campus Program and provide the criteria to receive designation that Florida College System institutions and school district career centers must meet to receive designation under section 1004.071, F.S.

(2) Definitions.

(a) "Military Liaison" means a staff member that is designated by the institution as responsible for coordination and communication between military students and staff members at each institution to facilitate and maintain a working relationship.

(b) "Military student" means a student who is enrolled at the college or career center and is:

1. An active-duty member or veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard;

2. A member of the reserve component of any branch of the United States military;

3. A member of the Florida National Guard; or

4. The spouse or dependent of a member described in this subsection.

(3) Eligibility. For a Florida College System institution's or school district career center's campus(es) or site(s) to be designated as a Purple Star Campus, the institution or career center must meet the following minimum requirements:

(a) Designate a staff member as a military liaison.

(b) Maintain a web page on the institution's website which includes resources for military students and their families.

(c) Maintain a student-led transition program that assists military students in transitioning to the institution.

(d) Offer professional development training opportunities for staff members on issues relating to military students.

(e) Provide priority course registration for military students.

(f) Provide an example of commitment to military students and families not included in (a) through (e) of this subsection.

(g) Submit an application on behalf of its campus(es) or site(s) as described in subsection (4).

(4) Application and renewal.

(a) Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, a college, or school district career center site that meets the criteria for the Collegiate Purple Star Campus Designation and wishes to receive such designation must report the information listed in subsection (3) of this rule to the Chancellor of the Florida College System or the Chancellor of the Department of Career and Adult Education, respectively, by completing the Collegiate Purple Star Campus Application. (DOS Link), (effective September 2023), which is hereby incorporated by reference, and submitting the completed form to the Florida Department of Education to receive a designation starting in the same academic year. This form is incorporated by reference and may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(b) Colleges and career centers must maintain records demonstrating eligibility with the required items in subsection (3) of this rule and must provide those records to the Department of Education upon request.

(c) Once awarded, colleges and career centers will maintain their designation as a Collegiate Purple Star Campus for three (3) years. To maintain the Collegiate Purple Star Campus Designation, colleges and career centers must reapply by June 30th of the third year of the designation using the form described in paragraph (4)(a).

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