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CPSI Educational Series

Application and Award Process

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COLLEGIATE
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CPSI MISSION STATEMENT

Recognize an eligible postsecondary institution that has successfully demonstrated a supportive environment for its United States military-affiliated student population from application to graduation.

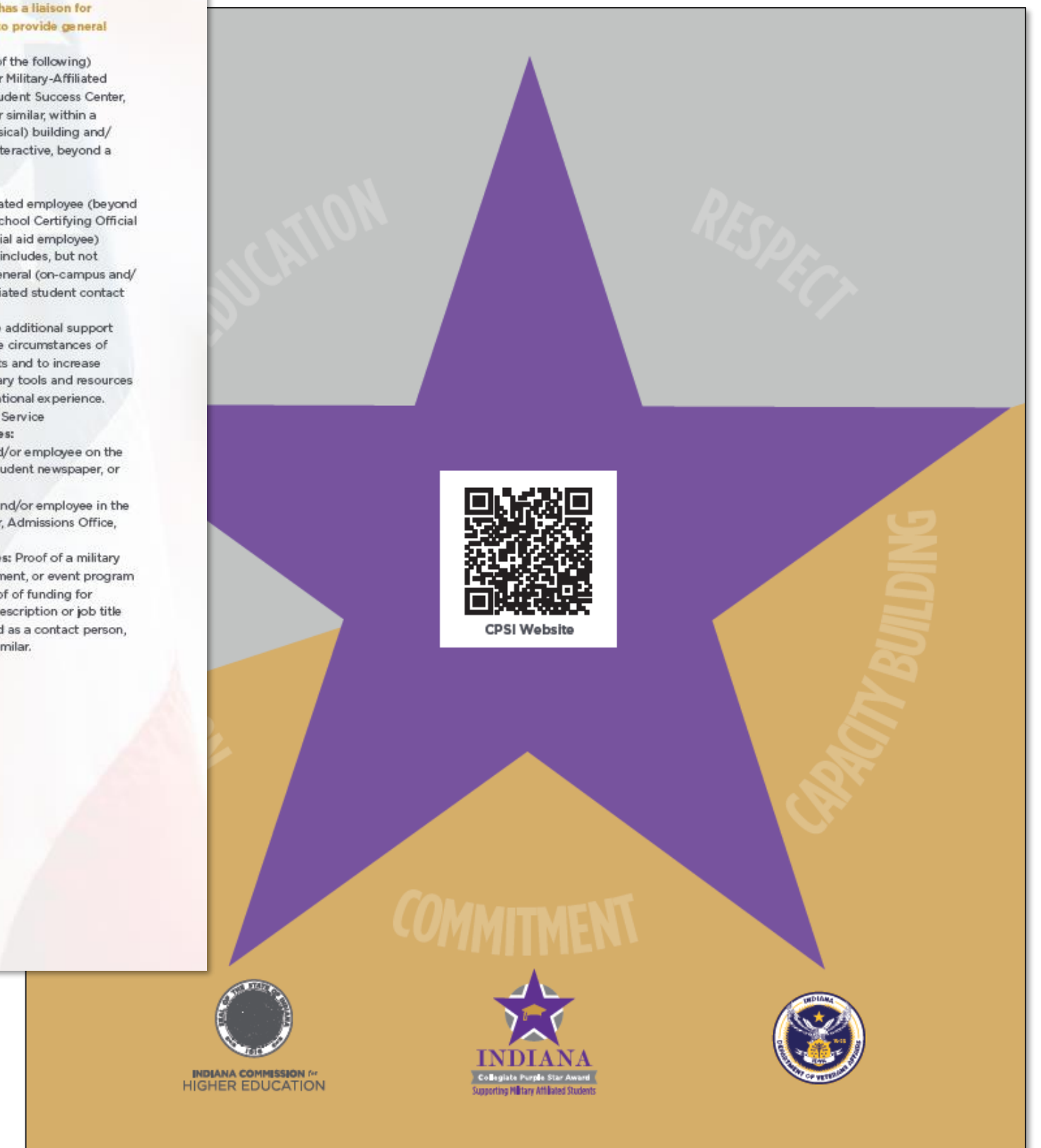
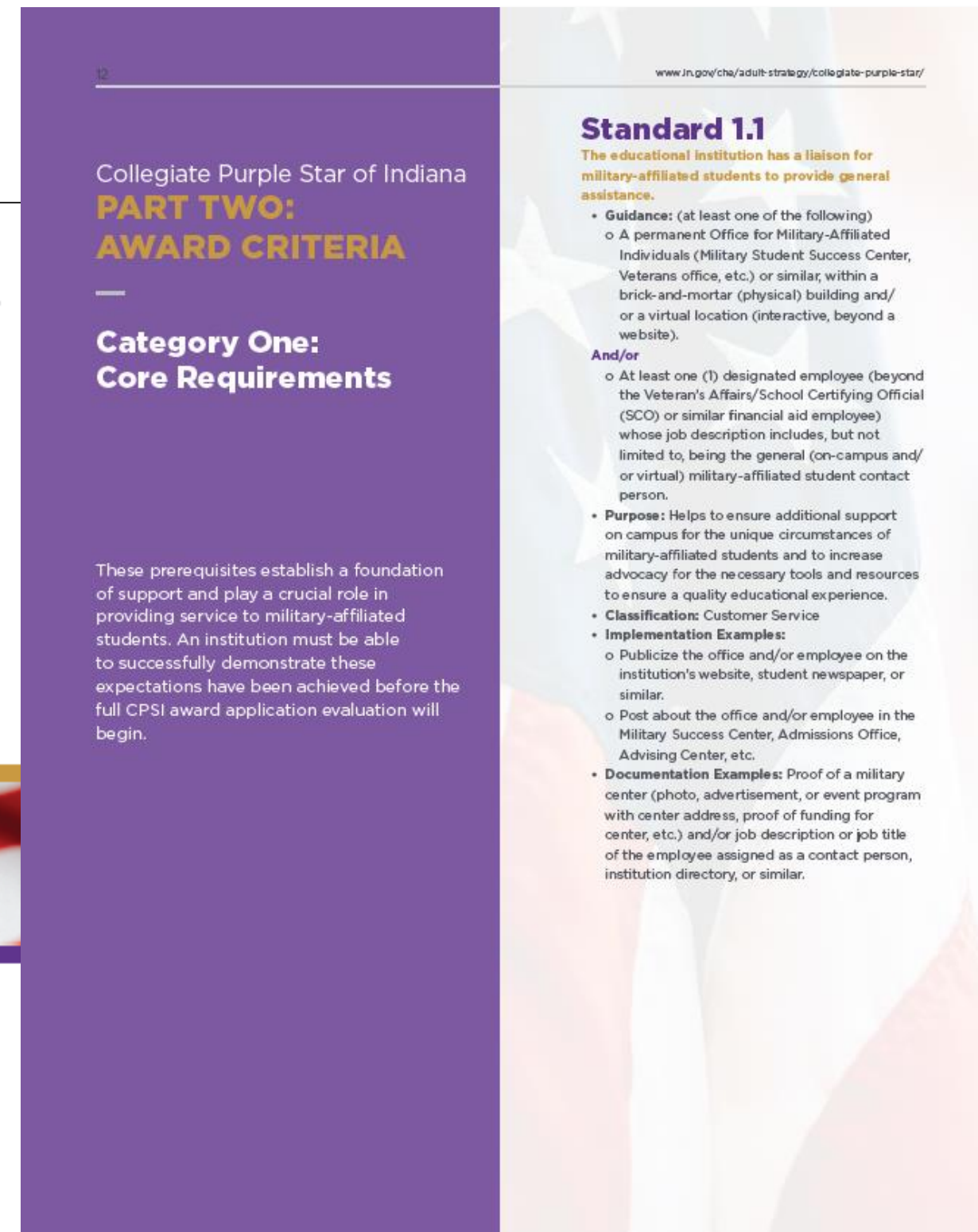
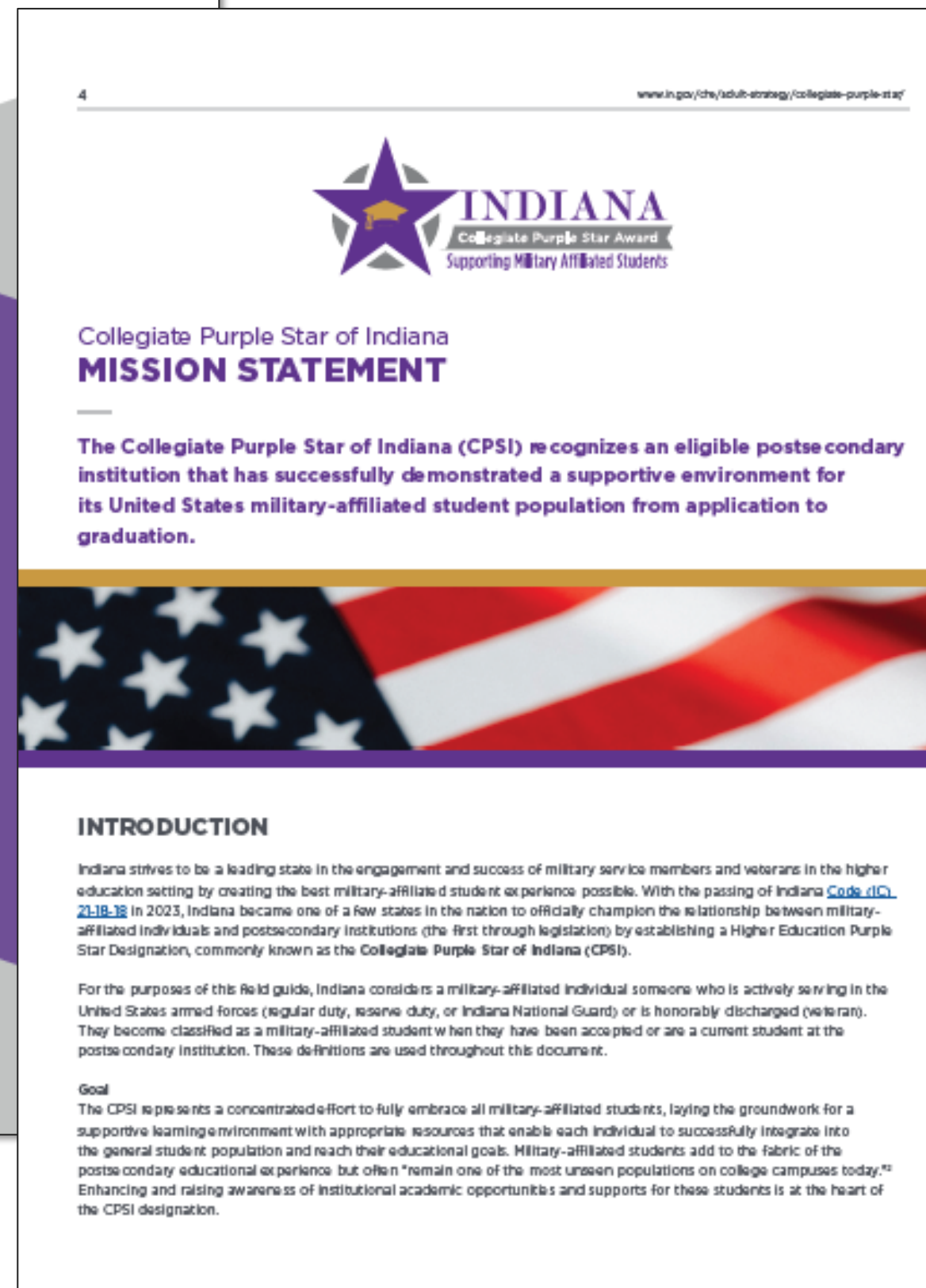
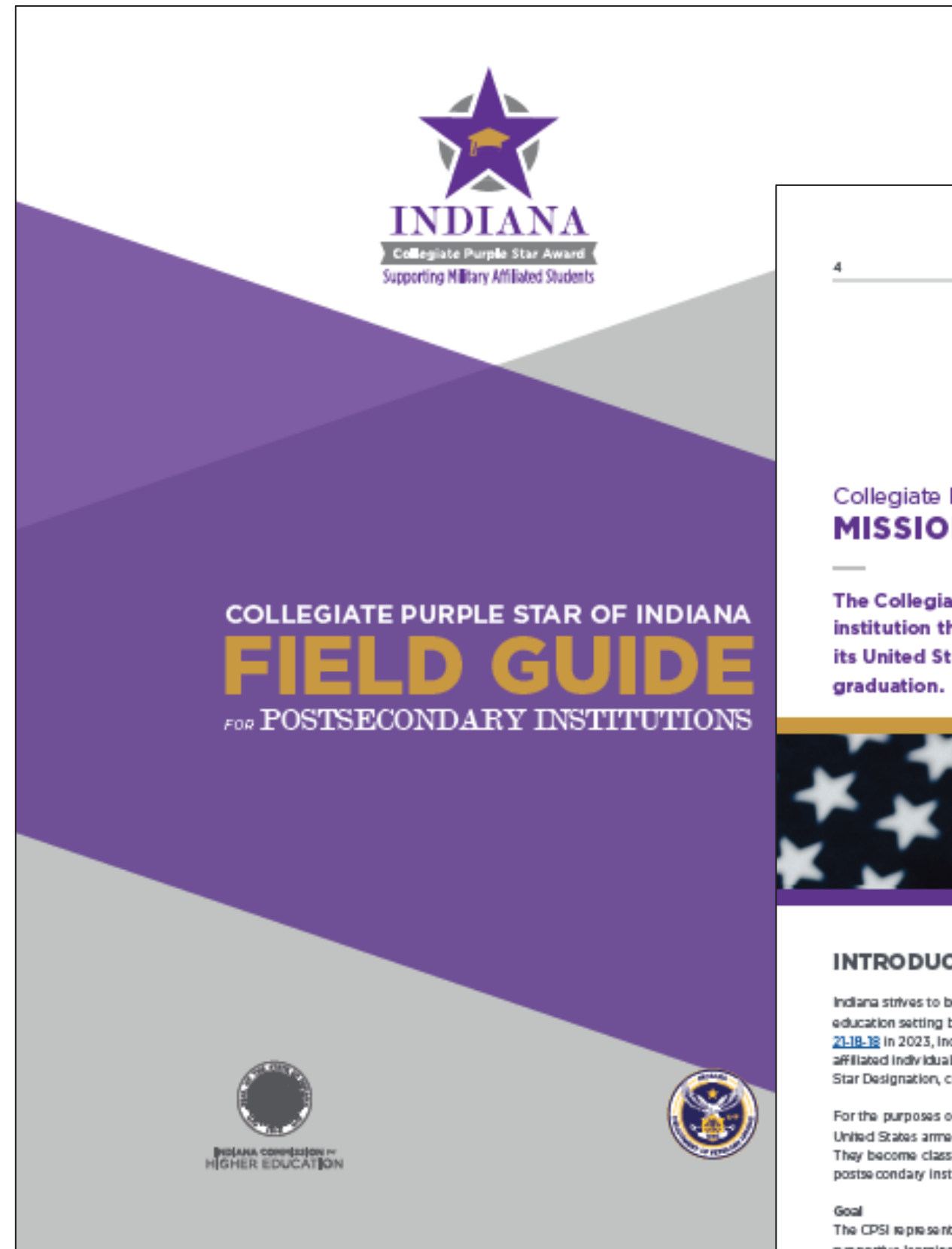


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Purpose of the CPSI Designation

- ❖ Embraces military-affiliated students
- ❖ Lays the groundwork for a supportive learning environment
- ❖ Enables integration into the general student population
- ❖ Facilitates student goals

CPSI FIELD GUIDE



CPSI FIELD GUIDE LAYOUT



- ▶ Introduction
 - Goal, Purpose, Call to Action, etc.
- ▶ Part One: Administration
 - Prospective Applicants, Criteria, Application Process, Award Designation, etc.
- ▶ **Part Two: 37 Standards**
 - Each standard includes **Guidance, Purpose, Implementation Examples, and Documentation Examples.**
- ▶ Part Three: Appendices
 - Appendix A: **Collegiate Purple Star Acronyms and Definitions**
 - Appendix B: **Collegiate Purple Star Award Resources**
 - Appendix C: **Military-Connected Holidays and Observances**
 - Appendix D: **CPSI Postsecondary Self-Evaluation Checklist**

CATEGORY ONE: CORE REQUIREMENTS

These prerequisites establish a foundation of support and play a crucial role in providing service to military-affiliated students.



An institution must be able to successfully demonstrate these seven expectations have been achieved before the full CPSI award application evaluation will begin.

CATEGORY ONE STANDARDS

- ▶ **Standard 1.1** Establish liaison for military-affiliated students to provide general assistance
- ▶ **Standard 1.2** Admission application asks if currently serving or has ever served in armed forces
- ▶ **Standard 1.3** Established a M-CPL policy
- ▶ **Standard 1.4** Single institution wide military-affiliated student definition
- ▶ **Standard 1.5** Data-gathering system(s) to track military-affiliated student metrics
- ▶ **Standard 1.6** Publicly issued formal statement of support for military-affiliated students
- ▶ **Standard 1.7** Hosts at least one annual military recognition event during the academic year

CATEGORY NINE: BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Bonus opportunities are to reward institutions for going above and beyond to raise the level of success in supporting a military-affiliated student.



- ▶ **Standard 9.1** Meets the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) School Certifying Official (SCO) recommending ratio.
- ▶ **Standard 9.2** Implemented at least one (1) additional initiative to support military-affiliated students.



2025 CPSI APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

- Documents available on CPSI page <https://www.in.gov/che/adult-strategy/collegiate-purple-star/>
- **By December 31st 2024**
 - Eligible Institution list
 - CPSI Award Submission Notification of Interest (Application)
 - CPSI Award Upload list



CPSI ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Designated Indiana public colleges & universities
- ▶ Commission for Higher Education (CHE) Board for Proprietary Education (BPE)
- ▶ Designated Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI)



2025 CPSI AWARD SUBMISSION NOTIFICATION OF INTEREST



- **Legal Name of Institution**
- **Primary Contact**
 - Receive all CPSI communications. (e.g., award notification or updates, evaluation questions, etc.) They are the authorized CPSI award representative during the evaluation process
- **Individual(s) authorized to upload documents**
 - CHE will set up an institution Microsoft SharePoint folder and provide access
 - *The institution may not use its own upload portal or other data sharing systems such as Dropbox, Google Docs, etc..*
 - *They are not recognized as secure systems by the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT).*
- **General Directions**

2025 CPSI AWARD UPLOADING LIST NOTES

- Submit documentation for standards that are not applicable, so they are removed from scoring.
- Provide documentation for only actions that have occurred, not planned/ budgeted
 - A meeting agenda demonstrates what was planned (E.g., provide the meeting minutes instead)
 - A budget or contract demonstrates an intention to accomplish an objective
- Double check that any provided links are still active and not broken
 - They should also take you to the specific location or document and not a general page
- **Highlight** key details when your information is within other materials

2025 ESTIMATED CPSI AWARD PROCESS TIMELINE

- Submit Standard Specific Documentation **by 5 p.m. Monday January 30th**
 - To the SharePoint folder (follow the direction & naming convention from the upload list)

- Review “Evaluation” Committee (February-April)
 - CHE & IDVA staff, and other subject matter experts, as needed
 - Request additional information, as needed
 - Determine performance-based award level



CPSI POINT STRUCTURE

Category	Description	Number of Standards /Points	Percentage (%)
1	Core Requirements	7	19%
2	Marketing and Communication Strategies	3	8%
3	Admissions and Enrollment	6	16%
4	Financial Support	5	13.5%
5	Institutional Support Systems	3	8%
6	Student Support Services	4	11%
7	Student Engagement	5	13.5%
8	Career and Community Engagement Opportunities	4	11%
Total		37	100%

CPSI AWARD CERTIFICATION LEVELS



- Award is valid for three (3) years at the designated level
- Ability to change levels

Designation Levels	Performance Score Range
Tier 3: Military Student FRIENDLY	70-79%
Tier 2: Military Student READY	80-89%
Tier 1: Military Student ENGAGED	90-99%
Special Commission Distinction	100%

2025 ESTIMATED CPSI AWARD TIMELINE CONTINUED

➤ Award Notification

- Award notification (Goal mid-April)
- Award Submission Summary Report (April- ?)
 - The official record of performance:
 - Score
 - Overall Performance Chart
 - Brief description if a standard is not met



MISCELLANEOUS THOUGHTS

- Please be patient, this is the first year of the award:
 - There are processes, forms, tools, and reports to develop and implement
 - A learning curve for everyone!



QUESTIONS?

EDUCATION

RESPECT

INCLUSION

CAPACITY BUILDING

COMMITMENT



SEND CPSI QUESTIONS



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Subject: Collegiate Purple Star Question- "Institution Name



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