

Blue Star Family License Plates

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Vehicle Title and Registration Notice

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Highlights

- *Blue Star Family license plates are available for eligible family members*
- *Family members having a spouse, parent, sibling, or child currently serving in the armed forces qualify to purchase this special license plate*
- *Proof of eligibility is required to be submitted to the county clerk's office with each application for each renewal year*

INTRODUCTION

This notice is intended to provide Tennessee vehicle registrants with information concerning the issuance of Blue Star Family License Plates.

Tenn. Code Ann. Section 55-4-330 allows eligible persons in Tennessee whose spouse, parent, sibling, or child is serving in the armed forces of the United States at the time of application to obtain a Blue Star Family license plate.

DISCUSSION

Blue Star Family license plates are offered for purchase to any eligible person whose spouse, parent, sibling, or child is currently serving in the armed forces of the United States at the time of application. Armed forces includes members serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard (when mobilized to augment the Navy) to include reservists and National Guard members.

To obtain this license plate, a registrant must:

1. Submit proof of current service from their service member. Examples of this documentation include copies of one of the following:
 - a. Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES),
 - b. Member's military ID card, or
 - c. A letter from their unit commander on official letterhead stating the family member's current status as a member of the U.S. armed forces; and
2. Provide a written statement by the service member indicating the family relationship with the registrant.

Proof of eligibility must be submitted for each renewal year. The initial fee for obtaining this license plate is \$25.75, and the subsequent annual fee is \$21.50. Additional charges for county and/or city wheel tax, where imposed locally, plus county clerk fees will apply. The plate cannot be personalized.

Retired members of the military may apply for this license plate if they also meet the criteria above, but may wish to obtain one of several choices of registration plates available for them in honor of their service. A complete listing of all of Tennessee's specialty license plates can be viewed at <http://www.tn.gov/revenue/vehicle/licenseplates/specialty.shtml>.



References:

T.C.A. § 55-4-202
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T.C.A. § 55-4-330

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