

## **What Is The Yellow Ribbon Program?**

The Yellow Ribbon Program was established by the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning (such as colleges, universities, and other degree-granting schools) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition and fee expenses that exceed the tuition and fee amounts payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The institution can contribute a specified dollar amount of those expenses, and VA will match the contribution, not to exceed 50% of the difference.

To receive the Yellow Ribbon Program benefits you must be enrolled in an approved program offered by an institution of higher learning that participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

## **Am I Eligible?**

You may qualify for the Yellow Ribbon Program benefit if you:

- Served an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of at least 36 months and were honorably discharged;
- Were discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001; or
- Are a dependent who received benefits transferred from an eligible Service Member

## **How Does The Yellow Ribbon Program Benefit Me?**

The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays all in-state tuition and fee charges at public schools and tuition and fees not to exceed a national cap at private and foreign schools. Out of state students and those attending private or foreign schools may receive additional funds to help cover unmet costs under the Yellow Ribbon Program. To see the current national maximum or “cap” please visit our website at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

If your charges exceed the tuition and fee amounts payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill and you are enrolled at a participating school, additional funds may be available to you through the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Institutions of higher learning that enter into a Yellow Ribbon Program Agreement with VA will choose the amount of funds they will contribute toward your tuition and fees. VA will match that amount and issue payment directly to the institution on your behalf.

## **What Must My School Agree To?**

The school must agree to:

- Enter into an official agreement with VA
- Provide contributions to eligible individuals who apply for the Yellow Ribbon Program on a first-come first-served basis
- Make contributions toward the program on behalf of the individual in the form of a grant, scholarship, etc.
- State the dollar amount that will be contributed for each participant during the academic year

- State the maximum number of individuals for whom contributions will be made in any given academic year.

## **How Will I Know If My School Is Participating In The Yellow Ribbon Program?**

You can search for Yellow Ribbon Program schools on the Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill website at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

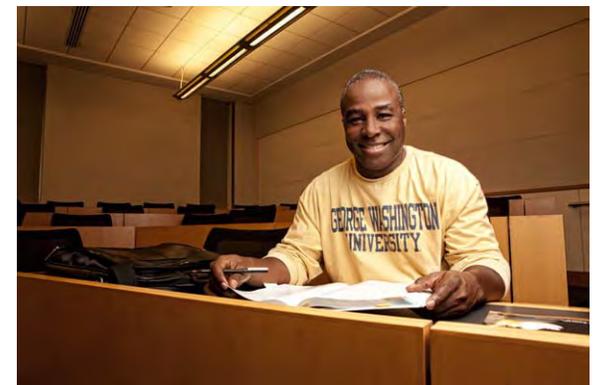
## **How Will I Know If I Can Use the Yellow Ribbon Program?**

Your school will let you know –

- If you are accepted to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- The maximum amount that may be provided to you on a yearly basis

## **How Do I Apply?**

You must contact your School Certifying Official to apply for Yellow Ribbon Program benefits.



## Can You Give Me Examples of How the Yellow Ribbon Program Works?

You are student attending a public school as an out of state student and your in-state tuition and fees for the year are **\$16,000**. The in-state tuition and fee charges for the school are **\$10,000**. Your total tuition and fees **exceed** the amount payable under the Post-9/11 GI bill by **\$6,000**. VA will pay a total of **\$10,000** to your school for your tuition and fees. You are responsible for the **\$6,000 charged out state students..**

If your school **offers \$3,000** in Yellow Ribbon contributions, VA will also pay **\$3,000 to the school**, and your full amount will be paid.

If your school **offers \$2,000** in Yellow Ribbon contributions, VA will **pay \$2,000 to your school**, and **you will be responsible for the remaining \$2,000**.

### For Additional Information

Visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) for additional information on the Yellow Ribbon Program, the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and other education programs.



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