

Benefits of the Yellow Ribbon Program

The Post-9/11 GI Bill will pay you:

- all resident tuition & fees for a public school
- the lower of the actual tuition & fees or the **national maximum** per academic year for a private school
 - an exception to this exists for students enrolled in private schools in AZ, MI, NH, NY, PA, SC or TX. In these cases we will pay the lower of the actual tuition & fees or the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition & fees

Your actual tuition & fees costs may exceed these amounts if you are attending a private school or are attending a public school as a nonresident student.

Institutions of Higher Learning (Degree Granting Institutions) may elect to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program to make additional funds available for your education program without an additional charge to your GI Bill entitlement.

Institutions that voluntarily enter into a Yellow Ribbon Agreement with VA choose the amount of tuition and fees that will be contributed. VA will match that amount and issue payment directly to the institution.

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[For more information see our Yellow Ribbon Program Pamphlet](#)

Eligibility

Only veterans entitled to the maximum benefit rate (based on service requirements) or their designated transferees may receive this funding. Active duty servicemembers and their spouses are not eligible for this program (child transferees of active duty servicemembers may be eligible if the servicemember is qualified at the 100% rate).

Therefore, you may be eligible if:

- You served an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of at least 36 months;
- You were honorably discharged from active duty for a service connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001;
- You are a dependent eligible for Transfer of Entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on a veteran's service under the eligibility criteria listed above.

To receive benefits under the Yellow Ribbon Program:

- You must be eligible for the maximum benefit rate under the Post-9/11 GI Bill;
- You must not be on active duty or a spouse transferee of an active duty member
- Your school must agree to participate in the Yellow Program;
- Your school must have not offered Yellow Ribbon to more than the maximum number of individuals stated in their participation agreement;
- Your school must certify your enrollment to VA, including Yellow Ribbon program information.