Example of The Yellow Ribbon Program Benefits
You are taking 12 credits in the fall semester and are charged $300 per credit. You are charged a total of $700 for fees.

- The maximum tuition in your state is $200 per credit and the maximum fees for the fall semester are $1,000.

- Based on the maximum benefits, your total tuition charges are $3,600 (12 x $300). The maximum payable in your state is $2,400 (12 x $200). Your Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefit is $2,400. Your fees of $700 are less than the $1,000 maximum for the fall semester, so your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit will cover the $700 charges for fees. VA will pay a total of $3,100 to your school for your tuition and fees Post-9/11 GI Bill payment. You are responsible for the difference of $1,200 in tuition that exceeds the maximum payable.

- If your school offers $600 in Yellow Ribbon contributions, VA will also pay $600 to the school, and your full tuition and fees will be paid.

- If your school offers $400 in Yellow Ribbon contributions, VA will pay $400 to your school, and you will be responsible for the remaining $400.

For Additional Information
Visit www.gibill.va.gov for additional information on the Yellow Ribbon Program or other benefits.
**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 highest public in-state undergraduate tuition and fee rate in their state. The institution can contribute a specified dollar amount of those expenses, and VA will match the contribution—not to exceed 50% of the difference. This provides the possibility for you to earn a degree at no cost!

**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;
- Were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001; or
- Dependents are eligible for Transfer of Entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on an individual's service under the eligibility criteria listed above.
- Individuals eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill through the Fry Scholarship (children of active duty service members who died on active duty since 9-11-01), DO NOT qualify for the Yellow Ribbon Program.

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

**How Does The Yellow Ribbon Program Benefit Me?**
The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays up to the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition and fees. You may have charges that exceed this amount if you are attending a private institution, graduate school, or are in an out-of-state status. You can view the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition and fees rates by state at [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Tuition_and_fees.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Tuition_and_fees.htm). If your charges exceed what is posted 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; and
- 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 approved programs and Yellow Ribbon Program schools on the Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill website at [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/YRP/YRP_List.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/YRP/YRP_List.htm).

**When Can I Receive Benefits Under The Yellow Ribbon Program?**
Benefits are payable for training pursued on or after August 1, 2009, if you are enrolled in a school participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program. No payments can be made under this program for training pursued before that date.

Your school will let you know:

- if you are accepted to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program, and
- 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.