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## **Yellow Ribbon Program**

The Yellow Ribbon Program can help you pay for higher out-of-state, private school, foreign school, or graduate school tuition and fees that the Post-9/11 GI Bill doesn't cover. Keep reading to find out if you're eligible and if your school takes part in this program.

### **Am I eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program?**

You may be eligible for this program if you and your school meet these requirements.

\* You must qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100% benefit level \*

### **And at least one of these must be true:**

- You served at least 36 months on active duty (either all at once or with breaks in service) and were honorably discharged, **or**
- You received a Purple Heart on or after September 11, 2001, and were honorably discharged after any amount of service, **or**
- You served at least 30 continuous days (all at once, without a break) on or after September 11, 2001, and were discharged or released from active duty for a service-connected disability, **or**
- You're an active-duty service member who has served at least 36 months on active duty (either all at once or with breaks in service), **or**
- You're a spouse using the transferred benefits of an active-duty service member who has served at least 36 months on active duty, **or**
- You're a dependent child using benefits transferred by a Veteran, **or**
- You're a Fry Scholar

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[Learn about transferring Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits](#)

## **Your school must meet certain requirements.**

### **All of these must be true:**

- Your school is an institution of higher learning, **and**
- Your school offers the Yellow Ribbon Program, **and**
- Your school hasn't offered the Yellow Ribbon benefit to more than the maximum number of students in their agreement with us, **and**
- Your school has certified your enrollment with us and provided Yellow Ribbon Program information

[Find schools that offer the Yellow Ribbon Program this year](#)

### **What benefits can I get through this program?**

You can get money to help pay for tuition and fees at any of these types of schools:

- A private school that may have higher tuition and fees, **or**
- A foreign school, **or**
- A public school if you want to attend as a nonresident student

If you qualify, your school will contribute a certain amount toward your extra tuition and fees through a grant, scholarship, or similar program. We'll match the contribution.

### **How do I get this benefit?**

#### **1. Apply for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits**

[Apply for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits](#)

If you qualify for benefits, you'll get a Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

#### **2. Turn in your COE to your school**

Bring your COE to your school's certifying official, or to the financial aid, military liaison, or other appropriate office. Ask to apply for your school's Yellow Ribbon Program.

### 3. Wait for a decision

#### **Your school will decide:**

- **Whether it has already enrolled the maximum number of students for the program period.** Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. We have an agreement with each school about how many students they'll cover each year.
- **How much funding you'll receive.** Your school decides this amount. They'll add up tuition and mandatory fees, then subtract any aid you've received from other sources—such as scholarships, grants, and your Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition payment. Your school will apply the Yellow Ribbon Program benefit to this final amount.

#### **Does my school participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program?**

To find out if your school participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, you can use our tool to [find a Yellow Ribbon school](#).

You can also search for participating schools using the GI Bill Comparison Tool. [Use the GI Bill Comparison Tool](#)

#### **Learn more about the Yellow Ribbon Program**

Get answers to other questions you may have about the Yellow Ribbon Program [here](#)

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