**Yellow Ribbon Program Application Cover Page**

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The “Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program” (i.e. Yellow Ribbon program) is a provision of the “Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.” Under this program, Ohio University has entered into an agreement with the Veterans Affairs (VA) to fund tuition expenses that exceed Ohio University’s in-state tuition rate for student veterans who are using their Chapter 33 benefits at the 100% rate.

Per VA regulations, to receive benefits under the Yellow Ribbon program:

1. **You must be eligible for the maximum benefit rate (100%) under the Post 9-11 GI Bill®**
2. Ohio University **MUST** certify your enrollment to the VA, including Yellow Ribbon program information. This will require you to meet **ALL** Ohio University registration, residency requirements (if applicable), and Veterans & Military Student Services Center suspense to ensure timely processing.
3. For those who have used your VA benefits previously, we **MUST** receive your application before the start of ***each*** semester. For new students, especially those who receive their benefits during the semester, we **MUST** receive your application before the end of the current semester you are enrolled in.
4. Have a non-resident program fee on your financial account.

For additional Yellow Ribbon Program benefits information, review the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Yellow ribbon web page at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp>

**Important Note:** you **CANNOT** be awarded payment of Yellow Ribbon program benefits **unless** you are first accepted by the VA and certified by the Ohio University Veterans and Military Student Services Center for Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33) benefits.