

7. An IHL with multiple campuses that wishes to submit a single Yellow Ribbon Program agreement covering more than one campus agrees to submit a listing of all campuses covered under this agreement as an addendum to this agreement. The listing must include the name, address, and facility code of each campus. The IHL further certifies that all campuses covered under this agreement are subject to the authority of the authorizing official signing the agreement, and each campus has a certifying official or other employee who meets the requirements of section 21.4266(f)(3)(ii) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, and has access to the terms of this agreement.

8. This agreement is entered into under the authority of section 3317 of title 38, United States Code (as added by section 5003 of Public Law 110-252, effective August 1, 2009) and section 21.9700 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations. The terms of this agreement will be effective for the entire academic year beginning on the first day of August following the date of acceptance by a duly authorized officer of VA, and all subsequent academic years unless VA is notified of changes during any subsequent open enrollment period.

9. The terms of this agreement will be available for public viewing on VA's GI Bill website at www.gibill.va.gov.

10. Completed agreements (with the original signature of an official legally authorized to bind the IHL to this agreement) must be received by VA no later than May 15th (or the following Monday if May 15th falls on a weekend). Late agreements will not be accepted. The agreement, once accepted by VA, will be considered an open-ended agreement. See Page 1 for information pertaining to modification of terms.

11. The IHL certifies that at least 1 of its VA-approved programs has tuition and/or fees that exceed the maximum rates payable by the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the time this document is being submitted.

12. The IHL is strongly encouraged to adhere to the Principles of Excellence established by Executive Order 13607, provided as an attachment to this document. The Principles of Excellence help ensure that Veterans, spouses, and other family members have the information, support, and protections they deserve while pursuing their educational or vocational goals. If your institution is currently in compliance with the Principles of Excellence, or if the institution intends to be in compliance with the Principles of Excellence, while participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program, please check the box below. Adhering to the Principles of Excellence is not a condition of approval for participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program. However, VA intends to publish on its GI Bill website a list of those Yellow Ribbon schools that agree to comply with the Principles of Excellence.

This institution agrees to comply with the Principles of Excellence while participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

13. Points of contact:

| School Financial Representative/ Yellow Ribbon Program Point of Contact (POC) | | |
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| Name (First, middle, last) | Telephone No. (Include Area Code) | E-mail |
| | | |

| School Certifying Official | | |
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| Name (First, middle, last) | Telephone No. (Include Area Code) | E-mail |
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RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your institution of higher learning's eligibility to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Title 38 United States Code allows us to request this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 14 hours to review the instructions, find information, and complete the form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. You may also call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this information collection. Your obligation to respond is voluntary.

AGREED TO:

| SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL | TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL | TELEPHONE NUMBER | DATE SIGNED |
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| PRINT NAME OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL | | | |

FOR VA USE ONLY

ACCEPTED BY:

| SIGNATURE OF VA OFFICIAL | DATE SIGNED |
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PRINCIPLES OF EXCELLENCE FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Institutions adhering to the principles of excellence agree to -

- (a) prior to enrollment, provide prospective students who are eligible to receive Federal military and veterans educational benefits with a personalized and standardized form, as developed in a manner set forth by the Secretary of Education, working with the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to help those prospective students understand the total cost of the educational program, including tuition and fees; the amount of that cost that will be covered by Federal educational benefits; the type and amount of financial aid they may qualify for; their estimated student loan debt upon graduation; information about student outcomes; and other information to facilitate comparison of aid packages offered by different educational institutions;
- (b) inform students who are eligible to receive Federal military and veterans educational benefits of the availability of Federal financial aid and have in place policies to alert those students of their potential eligibility for that aid before packaging or arranging private student loans or alternative financing programs;
- (c) end fraudulent and unduly aggressive recruiting techniques on and off military installations, as well as misrepresentation, payment of incentive compensation, and failure to meet State authorization requirements, consistent with the regulations issued by the Department of Education (34 C.F.R. 668.71-668.75, 668.14, and 600.9);
- (d) obtain the approval of the institution's accrediting agency for new course or program offerings before enrolling students in such courses or programs, provided that such approval is appropriate under the substantive change requirements of the accrediting agency;
- (e) allow service members and reservists to be readmitted to a program if they are temporarily unable to attend class or have to suspend their studies due to service requirements, and take additional steps to accommodate short absences due to service obligations, provided that satisfactory academic progress is being made by the service members and reservists prior to suspending their studies;
- (f) agree to an institutional refund policy that is aligned with the refund of unearned student aid rules applicable to Federal student aid provided through the Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as required under section 484B of that Act when students withdraw prior to course completion;
- (g) provide educational plans for all individuals using Federal military and veterans educational benefits that detail how they will fulfill all the requirements necessary to graduate and the expected timeline of completion; and
- (h) designate a point of contact for academic and financial advising (including access to disability counseling) to assist service member and veteran students and their families with the successful completion of their studies and with their job searches.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VA FORM 22-0839 YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Please read through the instructions before completing the Yellow Ribbon Program Agreement. If you have any issues completing the form, please send an e-mail to Yellow.Ribbon@va.gov with any inquiries.

General Eligibility

The institution must be an Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) that offers programs of education approved for VA benefits. In addition, the IHL must be located in the United States or be a branch of such institution located outside of the United States. Foreign schools are not eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Name, Address, & Facility Code

Enter the name, mailing address, facility code, and check the type of agreement, and the category of the IHL.

Items 1-4

By signing and submitting this form to VA, the IHL agrees to adhere to the provisions listed in Items 1-4.

Item 5

Enter the total number of students for which the IHL will provide Yellow Ribbon Program contributions. The total number of students entered here should equal the sum of students listed in column A of the table in Item 6. Enter the dates of the upcoming academic year (e.g. 2020-2021) for which the agreement is being submitted. (NOTE: An academic year for VA purposes is August 1 to July 31.)

Item 6

A. Maximum Number of Students - Enter the maximum number of students eligible for the specific contribution. If the IHL wishes to offer Yellow Ribbon Program contributions to an unlimited number of qualifying students, enter unlimited.

B. Degree Level - Specify the degree level (undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, all) of students for which the specific contribution will be provided.

C. College or Professional School - This column may be left blank, or specify the appropriate sub-element (college or professional school) of the institution for which students must be enrolled to receive the specific contribution. **Please be advised that an IHL cannot list a specific degree program** (e.g., Masters of Business Administration, Juris Doctorate, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, etc.)

D. Maximum Contribution Amount - Specify the maximum **annual** contribution amount to be provided for each student eligible for the specific contribution. Do not enter the maximum amount payable by term or credit hour. If the IHL wishes to provide 50% of the unmet tuition and fees for each student eligible for the specific contribution, please enter unlimited.

NOTE: IHLs must complete columns A and D for each contribution listed. IHLs must also complete column B, C, or both B and C for each contribution listed.

EXAMPLE:

| A. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS | B. DEGREE LEVEL (Undergraduate, Graduate, Doctoral, or All) | C. COLLEGE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL | D. MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10 | Undergraduate | | \$ 2,000 |
| 15 | All | School of Liberal Arts | \$ 1,000 |
| 20 | Graduate | School of Business | \$ 5,000 |

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VA FORM 22-0839
YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM AGREEMENT (Continued)**

Item 7

IHLs may enter into a centralized Yellow Ribbon Program agreement. If an IHL has multiple campuses (that are all subject to the authority of the official signing the agreement) and wants to use the same contribution information for multiple campuses, it may do so by attaching an addendum to this agreement which lists name, mailing address, and facility code of each participating campus. You may only include any locations/branches that have facility codes.

NOTE: Each campus will be held to the terms specified in the agreement.

Items 8 and 9

Self-explanatory.

Item 10

Yellow Ribbon Program Agreements must be received by VA no later than May 15th (or the following Monday if May 15th falls on a Saturday or Sunday) to be considered for participation.

Item 11

By signing and submitting this agreement, an IHL certifies that, as of the date the agreement is signed, at least one of its VA approved programs is assessed tuition and/or fees that exceed the maximum amounts payable in the state or territory under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Item 12

Self-explanatory.

Item 13

Enter the contact information for the school financial representative/Yellow Ribbon Program Point of Contact (POC) and the School Certifying Official. These contacts may or may not be the same individual. (Please ensure that the information is legible.)

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

The signature must be from an official legally authorized to bind the institution to this agreement with the VA. The title, telephone number, and date must be provided. Agreements will not be processed without a valid signature.

FORM SUBMISSION

The preferred method is via email. Confirmation of email constitutes VA's receipt of the agreement and should be maintained for the IHL's records. *Only submit one signed agreement.* The institution will receive an approved agreement and accompanying letter or other related communication.

This form must be submitted in the following manner:

Via e-mail to Yellow.Ribbon@va.gov. When submitting via e-mail, please attach a scanned copy of the signed form. **(VA cannot process applications received without a signature.)**

When sending via email, retain proof of submission (email).