



APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

****CUI has unlimited number of Yellow Ribbon Scholarships at an unlimited dollar amount****

In order to be eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program you must meet the eligibility requirements set forth by the VA.

- Student must qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill or FRY Scholarship through Veteran's Administration and elect to receive benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill program (as defined by the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program).
- Some eliminating factors are, but not limited to:
 - You or your spouse is on active duty
 - Your Certificate of Eligibility does not have you at the 100% rate

If you do not meet all of these eligibility requirements, then you will not be eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Student E#

Social Security Number

First name

Last

Middle

Address

City

State

Zip

Best Phone Number to get a hold of you

email address

➤ Are you applying for benefits as a: ☐ Veteran ☐ Dependent Spouse ☐ Dependent Child

➤ Are you currently Active Duty or the Dependent Spouse of an Active Duty Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If no, last date of service (EAS/ETS): _____

I understand that while I am receiving the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship I am not able to receive other institutional aid from Concordia University Irvine as we consider our Yellow Ribbon match as institutional aid. Financial Aid may reverse institutional aid upon finding out that I am Ch 33 Post 9/11 at the 100% rate OR FRY Scholarship and eligible to receive the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship. For the term that your Yellow Ribbon Scholarship exhausts you will be allowed to have any institutional aid that you qualify for put on your financial aid award (not to exceed need). For all following terms you will be allowed to have any institutional aid that you qualify for put on your financial aid award.

Your final semester using the GI Bill may be prorated by the VA based upon your remaining entitlement. CUI can only match what the VA sends in terms of the Yellow Ribbon payment per our agreement with the VA.

Your participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program is not final until you receive an approval letter from the Veteran Resource Center informing you of your approval. By signing below you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Financial Aid Office and Yellow Ribbon Program as set forth by Concordia University Irvine and the Veterans Administration. See reverse of this form for additional information. ****If you are eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program you will receive it****

Student Signature

Date

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Date Application Received: _____

☐ Verified Scholarship Availability ☐ Hold approval until Veterans/Sponsor comes off active duty and presents DD-214

☐ Approved ☐ Denied _____ ☐ Email Sent to Student _____

Yellow Ribbon Scholarship

Description

- The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008. The program provides for an agreement between CUI and the Veteran Administration to award an unlimited number of scholarships to qualified VA students to fund tuition and fees that exceed benefits available under the Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) & FRY Scholarship. Under the agreement VA will match CUI's scholarship contribution.

Award

- Concordia University Irvine provides an unlimited amount of Yellow Ribbon Scholarships at an unlimited dollar amount.
- You cannot receive the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship until you exhaust the Ch 33 100% cap for the VA Fiscal Year (which is typically during the spring semester as an undergraduate). Currently, \$25,162.14 is the cap for the 20-21 VA Fiscal Year (August 1-July 31). Once you exhaust the cap amount all mandatory tuition and fee amounts will be split evenly between the VA and CUI. Due to this, recipients may receive varying amounts to be determined by semester enrollment, tuition and fee charges.
- Recipients will be awarded in the current and subsequent academic years in which the university participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program and as the student maintains continued enrollment and satisfactory progress, conduct, and attendance.
- Dependent students who exhaust their benefits during the term they expect the Yellow Ribbon Program will have their benefits pro-rated by the VA. By regulation, CUI can only match what the VA sends to the school.
- Currently, if you the student are the actual veteran (and using your Ch 33 GI Bill) as long as you have at least one day remaining of entitlement remaining, the VA will cover the entire session. If you have 15 days of entitlement and you are taking back to back 8 week terms the VA will only cover the first 8 week term and you will need to come up with a payment plan for the second and all future sessions. However, if you have 15 days of entitlement and you are taking a 16 week term the VA will cover the entire term.

Your responsibility

- Track your remaining eligibility through ebenefits.va.gov or by calling the VA at 888-442-4551 before each term.
- Update your mailing address on ebenefits.va.gov each time that you move so that you receive your new Certificate of Eligibility after each enrollment that was certified to the VA giving your updated remaining eligibility.
- If you are the dependent of the Sponsor who transferred their GI Bill to you, after each time that more eligibility was transferred to you, your Sponsor will have to call the VA at 888-442-4551 to notify them that more entitlement was transferred. Otherwise, payments for tuition/fees and BAH will be affected by being pro-rated based upon the initially transfer of entitlement.

Helpful resources

- [How the Yellow Ribbon works at Concordia](#)
- http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp
- <http://www.cui.edu/veterans>