

Yellow Ribbon Program – Policies and Procedures

Ohio Wesleyan University is proud to support military-connected students by participation in U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefit programs. The information below highlights key Yellow Ribbon Program policies and procedures to help you use your VA benefits effectively.

How the Yellow Ribbon Program Works

- The Post-9/11 GI Bill® covers tuition and mandatory fees up to the VA's annual cap (after tuition-specific aid is applied)
- If your tuition and fees exceed the cap, Ohio Wesleyan contributes up to **\$3,000 per year** in Yellow Ribbon funds. The VA then matches our contribution, providing a combined total of up to **\$6,000 in Yellow Ribbon funds annually**.
- Yellow Ribbon benefits are **in addition** to OWU grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study opportunities for which you may be eligible.

Eligibility

The criteria below reflect the VA's eligibility requirements for the Yellow Ribbon Program. Students must also be approved for a Yellow Ribbon spot at Ohio Wesleyan University:

- A veteran eligible for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 benefits at the 100% level (served at least 36 months during a qualifying period, or less than 36 months but discharged due to a combat injury and awarded a Purple Heart).
- A dependent eligible for the VA's Fry Scholarship (the veteran was killed in active service or as a result of a service connected disability while serving in the selected reserve).
- A dependent eligible for Transfer of Entitlement under the Chapter 33 Post 9/11 benefit at the 100% level (the veteran served at least six years on active duty and committed to four more years in order to transfer the benefit).

Eligible students may qualify for Ohio Wesleyan's Yellow Ribbon Program:

- Ohio Wesleyan supports up to 20 Yellow Ribbon students annually.
- Participation is first-come, first-served once admitted and registered.

How to Apply

To apply for the Yellow Ribbon program at Ohio Wesleyan University:

- Apply for Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits. If approved, you will receive your Certificate of Eligibility (COE).
- Submit your COE or other eligible documentation to our School Certifying Official.
 - Other eligible documentation:
 - "Proof of Eligibility" page from your [VA Education Benefits](#) portal
 - "Post-9/11 G.I. Bill Statement of Benefits" from your [VA.gov](#) account

- After your documentation is reviewed, you will receive a decision. Yellow Ribbon enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Continuing Eligibility

Once accepted into the Yellow Ribbon Program at Ohio Wesleyan, a student will remain eligible for Yellow Ribbon funds as long as all the following conditions are met:

- The student remains continuously enrolled (excluding approved leaves of absence).
- The student maintains satisfactory academic progress (SAP) as defined by the school's policy.
- The school continues to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program and has available slots.
- The student continues to qualify at the 100% level for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

Compliance

Ohio Wesleyan University certifies students in accordance with OWU's Yellow Ribbon Program Agreement and maintains records to ensure compliance, including:

- Tracking the number of students enrolled under the Yellow Ribbon program.
- Tracking the school's annual tuition and fees.
- Developing and documenting the process for first-come, first-served enrollment.

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