Veterans

Yellow Ribbon Program

Manhattan University is pleased to announce our continuing commitment to America's veterans through our participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program of the Post 9/11 GI Bill. The Yellow Ribbon Program is a partnership between Manhattan University and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assist eligible students with educational expenses.

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) allows degree-granting institutions of higher learning in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. This tuition-benefit program includes both undergraduate and graduate study and either full- or part-time enrollment. Because of Manhattan University's reasonable tuition rates, this program allows eligible veterans to participate at little or no cost. This significant commitment upholds a long history of Manhattan University support for our veterans and their academic and career endeavors.
Title 38 USC 3679 (e) Compliance.
This will allow an individual to attend or participate in a program of education if the Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 Beneficiary provides the school with a "Certificate of Eligibility (COE)."

Yellow Ribbon Benefit at Manhattan University

- Up to $30,908.34 per year, per student at the University, not to exceed the cost of tuition for the 2026/2027 academic year.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs will match at the same amount up to 50% of the difference between the student's tuition benefit and the total cost of tuition and fees.
- Including GI Bill-based assistance, admitted Yellow Ribbon Program qualified undergraduate veterans can attend Manhattan University at no out of pocket cost.
- Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program precludes the student from being eligible for any other institutional awards.
- Yellow Ribbon Program award amounts are based on per-credit-hour tuition and allowable fees.
- Once eligible, a student remains so throughout their education as long as they remain in good academic standing and have remaining entitlement with the VA.

Yellow Ribbon Program Eligibility Requirements

Only individuals entitled to the maximum benefit rate (based on service requirements) may receive Yellow Ribbon Program benefits from Manhattan University and the VA. We strongly encourage you to review the eligibility criteria directly from the VA website.

The general eligibility requirements for the Yellow Ribbon Program include:

- Student served an aggregate period of active duty after Sept. 10, 2001 of at least 36 months.

- Student was honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability and they served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001.
- Student is a dependent eligible for Transfer of Entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on a veteran's service under the eligibility criteria listed above.
- In addition to all other institutional policies and regulations, students who receive education benefits from the VA must comply with the policies of the VA and the State Approving Agency for the training and education of students receiving VA education benefits. These policies include the following requirements:
  - You cannot be certified for receipt of your VA education benefits until you have selected the program of study you intend to pursue, met all admissions requirements and all credentials required by the office of admissions are received and evaluated. You must be admitted as a fully matriculated student.
  - It is your responsibility to immediately inform the University's VA certifying official of any changes in your enrollment (e.g., dropped or added classes, or withdrawal from school). If there is any unreported change in your enrollment, you may not be entitled to the full amount of your educational benefits.
  - It is your responsibility to inform the University's VA certifying official each semester or term of your intent to utilize your education benefits. You must turn in a Request for Certification form and a copy of your course schedule.
  - Only the elective hours required for degree completion, as stated in the catalog for your curriculum, may be certified for benefits. You may not receive benefits for excessive electives or courses already taken and passed. You must achieve satisfactory academic progress toward completion of your degree as stated in the catalog. Unsatisfactory progress, conduct or attendance may result in termination of your educational benefits.
  - Veterans who qualify for both federal financial aid and GI Bill assistance may receive support from either or both sources. However, if both sources are utilized, maximum assistance cannot exceed the total cost of attendance.
  - Based upon eligibility determination by the VA, a student may still have a balance due to the University after receiving payment from the VA.

Veteran benefits information is available in the Jasper Central office. Each semester recipients of Veterans Administration funds are required to file an Enrollment Certification, and to report promptly when adding or dropping any courses, as well as being responsible for any overpayments made by the V.A. For more information, contact the VA representative at (718) 862-8121.