



# NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE

A MEMBER OF THE Touro College and University System

## School of Health Sciences and Practice and INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### **Student Application Policy/Procedures for the Yellow Ribbon Program:**

#### **About the Yellow Ribbon Program**

Since the 2009-10 academic year, New York Medical College School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) has been a proud participant of the Yellow Ribbon Program. The school will continue its commitment to the program, for the third year, during the 2012-2013 academic year.

In 2008, the GI Bill was updated with the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, giving veterans with active duty service on, or after, September 11, 2001, enhanced educational benefits that cover more educational expenses, provide a living allowance, money for books and the ability to transfer unused educational benefits to spouses or children. The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to fund tuition expenses that exceed the maximum base pay amount.

**Please note that effective August 1, 2019, the Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay up to \$24,476.79 per academic year for private universities, including the School of Health Sciences and Practice. The VA will, in addition, match SHSP contributions under the Yellow Ribbon Program.**

#### **A. Student Application Policy/Procedures for the Yellow Ribbon Program:**

**Forms are processed on a first-come, first-served basis with the following limitations:**

**Under this commitment, Yellow Ribbon Program participants should note:**

- Pursuant to University and VA Policy, the combination of University aid and outside aid designated for tuition (such as GI Bill Base and Yellow Ribbon Program Benefits) shall not exceed the cost of tuition and fees.
- SHSP cannot certify Yellow Ribbon Program benefits retroactively. SHSP will not certify any student for past semesters in which a student may have been eligible for program benefits, but did not properly enroll with the school to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

**Yellow Ribbon qualified students will receive:**

- GI Bill Base Benefit: \$24,476.79 per admitted Yellow Ribbon Program-qualified graduate student per year; plus a match of the SHSP contribution from the VA.
- Yellow Ribbon Program Benefit:
  - SHSP shall provide up to \$1,000 per Yellow Ribbon Program-qualified graduate per year, not to exceed the net cost of tuition.

#### **B. Procedures Applicable to New Students:**

Students should apply for admission, and receive confirmation of admission, to the program of their choice at SHSP. Students should determine eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Yellow Ribbon Program Information [web site](#). Students should apply, if they are eligible, for education benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill with the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

Students should be sure to make an informed decision concerning their choice of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. There are typically multiple educational benefit choices for individuals with military experience.

Eligible students, upon admittance to SHSP should fill out the **SHSP Yellow Ribbon Program Request Form** ([hyperlink](#)) and submit to the Admissions Office Yellow Ribbon liaison. **Students must submit confirmation of their eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program at least 3 weeks prior to the beginning of the student's academic coursework. The submission of the form does not guarantee admittance to the Yellow Ribbon Program.**

The deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup> for the fall term and December 30<sup>th</sup> for the spring term. Such confirmation may be in the form of a U.S. Department of Veteran Services Certificate of Eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill. SHSP will process the Request Forms on a first-come, first-served basis. Students may scan and e-mail, fax, or drop this form off at the SHSP Admissions Office and the Admissions Office Yellow Ribbon liaison will contact each student, to confirm receipt of the form. Failure to submit this confirmation in time may result in the student's removal from the Yellow Ribbon Program participation list.

Once registered, students must complete and submit a Request Form each semester in which they are enrolled.

For VA certification purposes, you must contact the Registrar if you add or drop courses after your initial registration and as a result, the number of your credit hour changes. A change in the number of credit hours will require adjustments in your enrollment certification for benefits and could also affect your student account.

SHSP is not required to continue making Yellow Ribbon Program contributions if the student is not in good academic standing. Qualified students eligible for the Post 9/11 Bill are required to be at the 100% level.

If you have you have any questions about the Yellow Ribbon Program, please contact Nicholas Sekkas, Director of Recruitment/Yellow Ribbon Liaison at 914-594-4759 or [shsp\\_admissions@nymc.edu](mailto:shsp_admissions@nymc.edu).

More information about the Yellow Ribbon Program is available on the US Department of Veterans Affairs website at [https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/yellow\\_ribbon.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/yellow_ribbon.asp).



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### Yellow Ribbon Program Request Form 2019-20

SHSP has elected to participate in the Yellow Ribbon GI Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program). This program was created as part of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. Each participating college must designate a maximum number of enrollees and a maximum financial benefit (SHSP contribution is \$1,000 per student per year with a maximum enrollment of 10 students).

In order to be considered for the program, you must complete this form and return it to the Admissions Office. Recipients will be chosen on a first-come-first-served basis up to the maximum enrollment. Due to the limited funding and maximum student enrollment, you are encouraged to complete this form as soon as possible (at least 3 weeks before classes start). FAX or email is preferred.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ VA File# (if different than SSN): \_\_\_\_\_

Fall \_\_\_\_\_  Spring \_\_\_\_\_  Summer \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Valhalla, NY 10595  
914-594-4510  
[Shsp\\_admissions@nymc.edu](mailto:Shsp_admissions@nymc.edu)

Office Use Only:

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible for Yellow Ribbon Benefits  Yes  No

Awarded as part of SHSP's Yellow Ribbon Program:  Yes  No

Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_