The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act of 2010. This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the national cap on the Post-9/11 tuition benefits. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution.

At Cornell University, each of the main units of the Ithaca Campus have agreed to participate in the program for a limited number of students, on a first come, first served basis. The main units in this context are Undergraduate Students, Graduate Students, Law Students, Johnson School Students, and Veterinary Medicine Students. First come, first served rules will be determined by the appropriate financial aid office for undergraduate, graduate, law, veterinary medicine, or graduate management students.

Effective August 1, 2016, the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit is capped at $21,970.46, annually. The student’s tuition and fees may exceed that amount if they are attending a private institution, graduate school or attending in an out-of-state status. If a student is enrolled at a Yellow Ribbon participating institution and the tuition and fees exceed the cap, additional funds may be available for their education program without an additional charge to their veteran’s entitlement.

Institutions that voluntarily enter into a Yellow Ribbon Agreement with VA choose the amount of tuition and fees that will be contributed. VA will match that amount and issue payment directly to the institution.

To participate, please complete the Yellow Ribbon Program at Cornell University Application, available at the university financial aid office appropriate to your program of study.
Yellow Ribbon Program at Cornell University Application

Name_________________________________________ Cornell ID_____________________
(leave blank if unknown)

Academic Year: 20___ - 20____

I will be: a Graduate Student an Undergraduate Student

Home Address__________________________________________
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Email Address_________________________________________

Cornell Undergraduate College ___________________________

Cornell Graduate Program _______________________________

Please attach a copy of your certification of eligibility (COE) letter to the Yellow Ribbon Application. To determine eligibility or obtain a COE, complete the Application for VA Education Benefits (VA Form 22-1990) online.

I certify that I have read and understand the Yellow Ribbon Program at Cornell University General Information sheet.

Student Signature__________________________________ Date_____________________

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