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### **Molloy College Participating in Yellow Ribbon Program**

Molloy College is proud to announce that it will offer expanded opportunities to veterans based on the parameters defined in the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs Yellow Ribbon G.I. Educational Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program). The program is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 that allows private universities to offer similar low to no-cost tuition benefits that public universities can offer under the original legislation.

Through the Yellow Ribbon program, Molloy College will be able to partially fund tuition expenses for veterans (and their dependents) who have served the United States in Afghanistan and Iraq following the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The Yellow Ribbon Program begins with the fall 2009 semester and will be available for those students seeking to earn an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree. Molloy is committed to offering outstanding academic and support services to its students.

Listed below is some general program information from the Department of Veterans' Affairs Website. For more details interested parties may also visit:

[http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_BILL\\_Info/CH33/Yellow\\_ribbon.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_BILL_Info/CH33/Yellow_ribbon.htm).

#### **What is the Yellow Ribbon Program?**

The Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational

Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the V.A. to help fund tuition expenses for returning veterans.

## Who is eligible?

Only individuals entitled to the maximum benefit rate (based on service requirements) may receive this funding. Therefore, they may be eligible if:

- They served an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of at least 36 months;
- They were honorably discharged from active duty for a service connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001;
- They are 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.

## How do those who qualify apply for benefits under the Yellow Ribbon Program?

The Department of Veterans Affairs is now accepting and processing applications for the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Interested parties should complete and submit the application form available online and will receive written notification explaining the V.A.'s decision regarding their eligibility for the program. If they are eligible, their Certificate of Eligibility will advise them that their service meets the requirements for the Yellow Ribbon Program. They should bring their Certificate of Eligibility to Molloy and ask the College to certify their enrollment to the V.A., including Yellow Ribbon. Individuals cannot certify their participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program directly to the V.A. Molloy must report this information on enrollment certification.

Remember, to receive benefits under the Yellow Ribbon Program:

- Parties must be eligible for the maximum benefit rate under the Post-9/11 GI Bill;
- Molloy must have not offered Yellow Ribbon to more than the maximum number of individuals stated in the participation agreement;
- Molloy must certify the individual's enrollment to VA, including Yellow Ribbon program information.

For more information on enrolling at Molloy under the Yellow Ribbon Program contact Ana Lockward, Director of Financial Aid, Molloy College at 516.678.5000 ext. 6221.

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