# VA Post 911 GI Bill® Benefits

### Post 9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup> Transfer of Benefits to Dependent

If you have not yet transferred your Post 9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup> education benefits to your dependent, please visit the following website which provides detailed guidance. <u>http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911transfer.asp</u>. Once you have completed the transfer of benefits to your dependent <u>and</u> the DOD website shows that the transferred benefits are in your dependent's name, your dependent can now apply to the VA for the Post 9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup> Education benefit under his or her name.

### Already have your VA Certificate of Eligibility?

If you have received Certificate of Eligibility from the VA, fax to 610-409-3662 or mail to: Ursinus College-Attention Office of Student Financial Services 601 E Main Street Collegeville, PA 19426

### Applying for your VA Education Benefits & Receiving your VA Certificate of Eligibility

- If you have already transferred your benefits to your dependent, the next step is for the dependent to apply for the benefits at: <a href="https://www.vets.gov/education/apply">https://www.vets.gov/education/apply</a> the dependent will apply under his or her name using his or her social security no. You will need your social security no. and the routing no. and account no. for the bank where you want the VA to direct-deposit your Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) and Books & Supplies Stipend. The VA makes all of its payments using electronic transfers to the designated account. So, it's very important that the data you enter is correct.
- Completing the VA Online application is painless and will require ~ 30 minutes or less to
  prepare. Your COE will be mailed to you via U.S. Mail in about four (4) weeks from the date you
  submit your application online to the VA. Very important: Make sure that the address you use in
  your application is an address where you know you will receive mail. For example, do NOT use
  your final address from active duty unless you intend to remain there while attending Ursinus
  College.
- Do not delay in submitting the application for your benefits. The VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is an extremely important document. Please mail or fax to the Office of Student Financial Services. <u>The Registrar must have this in order to certify enrollment to the VA</u>. A student will not receive any payments from the VA until this is completed.

# Yellow Ribbon Program

In the program, which is a partnership between the federal government and Ursinus College, the College will match the government's contribution up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year for qualified full-time students.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR YELLOW RIBBON BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Eligible veterans or designated transferees do not need to complete a formal application for the Yellow Ribbon Program. By submitting documentation that proves 100% eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup> you will automatically be enrolled to receive the benefits of the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- Submit a copy of your Certification of Eligibility letter and a completed institutional form to the Office of Student Financial Services.
- Please note that currently serving active duty members and spouses are not eligible for Yellow Ribbon benefits.

# YELLOW RIBBON FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How do I find out if I'm eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program?

Please visit the GI Bill<sup>®</sup>website. Ursinus participates in this aspect of the GI Bill<sup>®</sup>, so if the benefit is transferred to a spouse or child, that person can certainly apply to Ursinus.

# If I'm not eligible under the Yellow Ribbon program, do I have benefits under the regular GI Bill®?

The Department of Veterans Affairs has complete information on the GI Bill<sup>®</sup>website.

## I live in another state — can I still attend Ursinus and receive Yellow Ribbon benefits?

Absolutely. You can live anywhere in the world.

## What steps do I have to go through to apply to Ursinus as a Yellow Ribbon participant?

1. Review the VA's Yellow Ribbon website. This site gives you instructions regarding eligibility and applying for your Certificate of Eligibility through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

NOTE: You must start the process by applying for your Certificate of Eligibility through the VA. You may wish to seek assistance from your base education specialist, Family Readiness Center, or from your VA representative.

 Once you receive your Certificate of Eligibility from the VA, please fax, email, mail, or hand deliver the certificate to: Ursinus College~ Office of Student Financial Services~601 E. Main St. Collegeville, PA 19426 or fax to

610-409-3662. <u>Do not email the form due to personal identifiable information contained in the form.</u>

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