

**Request for Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program
2025-2026 Academic Year**



Office of Military and Veteran
Student Services

CUA-Veterans@cua.edu

I am applying for Yellow Ribbon Benefits for the (check only one):

To apply for a single semester, complete Part I only

- Fall 2025 (Form due September 5, 2025)
- Spring 2026 (Form due January 23, 2026)
- Summer 2026 (Form due May 11, 2025)

Multi-Semester Yellow Ribbon Application: Students may apply to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program for the entirety of their program.

To apply to participate for multiple semesters complete Parts I and II.

- Multi-semester beginning Fall 2025 (Form due September 5, 2025)
- Multi-semester beginning Spring 2026 (Form due January 23, 2026)
- Multi-semester beginning Summer 2026 (Form due May 11, 2026)

Yellow Ribbon Application Guidelines:

- Students have to apply for the Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP) each academic year. This regular application process is essential to ensuring students understand the structure of the program and their responsibilities in the program, both of which are outlined in the application.
- Openings in CUA's Yellow Ribbon Program are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- CUA offers students the opportunity to submit a multi-semester Yellow Ribbon Application: if accepted students are reserved a spot in the YRP for the entirety of their CUA program, while their VA benefits remain available. This is meant to help students plan appropriately for how they will fund their education. While students who have applied for and been accepted to the multi-semester YRP will have a spot reserved for them, they are still obligated to complete the Yellow Ribbon Application by the published deadline each academic year to remain in the program.
- To apply for the Yellow Ribbon Program:
 - Complete this application and return it to cua-veterans@cua.edu or return it to Gowan Hall Rm. 123 by the deadline listed on the application.
 - All applicants must also submit a Certificate of Eligibility, provided by the VA, with their application.

Part I: To be completed by all applicants

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

CUA Email: _____@cardinalmail.cua.edu Telephone: _____

Alternate Student Email: _____

Undergraduate Graduate Law Academic Program: _____

Student initials one: _____

I am *not* currently on Active Duty; nor am I the spouse of an active duty service member. _____

OR

I am on Active Duty and have served for at least 36 months or I am the spouse of an active duty service member who has served for at least 36 months. _____

Statement of Understanding

- I have applied for the Post 9/11 GI Bill and believe that I am 100% eligible. I understand that the Department of Veteran Affairs formally establishes eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill's Yellow Ribbon Program and that this Request for Participation is contingent upon Department of Veteran Affairs' approval for such benefits.
- I certify that I have applied to the Department of Veteran Affairs for my Certificate of Eligibility and understand that my participation in CUA's Yellow Ribbon Program is contingent upon submittal of my Certificate of Eligibility to the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services.
- I understand that all Veterans Educational benefits are administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Any questions, concerns, or inquiries about my eligibility for educational, housing, book or other benefits should be directed to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- I understand that Yellow Ribbon Program funds are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, measured from the date this Request for Participation form is received, and that submission of this form does not guarantee my admittance to CUA's Yellow Ribbon Program.
- I certify that I am currently or will be enrolled as a degree seeking CUA student during the academic semester for which I am requesting participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- I understand the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services will determine Yellow Ribbon program eligibility based on academic program. Actual benefit eligibility will be credited to my student account directly in the form of a tuition and fee waiver after all VA payments have been received for that semester, likely at the end of the semester.
- I understand that my participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program is contingent on the continuation of my VA educational benefits. If my benefits expire prior to the conclusion of the semester, I will not be eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- I understand that CUA will match the VA's Yellow Ribbon contribution dollar-for-dollar, CUA is unable to provide any Yellow Ribbon waiver in amounts other than provided by the VA.
- I understand my financial responsibilities (as outlined in CUA's [Statement of Financial Responsibility](#)) while utilizing VA benefits. If I have charges above and beyond those covered by my VA benefits I will pay for those charges in accordance with the posted deadlines on the [University's Academic & Student Accounts Calendar](#). Both links can be accessed at <https://enrollment-services.catholic.edu>
- I understand that CUA's participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program is determined annually and is not guaranteed from one academic year to the next.
- I understand that CUA will discontinue its contributions to the Yellow Ribbon Program if I am not in good academic or financial standing.
- I understand that my eligibility for CUA Yellow Ribbon benefits requires me to maintain continuous enrollment; CUA will not hold my spot in the program if I am required to apply for readmission to CUA.
- I understand that I may not receive a Yellow Ribbon Tuition Waiver in conjunction with any other institutional scholarship(s), grant(s), tuition waiver(s) or endowment(s). I further understand that the total dollar amount of my Post 9/11, VA Yellow Ribbon and CUA Yellow Ribbon benefit contributions cannot exceed my tuition charges.
- I understand that I must reapply for participation in this program each semester.
- The information I submit on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature:

Date:

Part II: To be completed by Multi-Semester Yellow Ribbon Applicants

Students may apply to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program for the entirety of their program of study at the university. This allows students to apply for participation over multiple semesters. The aim of this initiative is to assist students in arranging educational funding for their entire degree program, and to allow the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services to process student certification to the VA in a more-timely manner.

To apply for this initiative please complete the below information and read the additional statements of understanding.

Anticipated graduation term (month & year) _____

Please note your anticipated graduation term for your current program of study. This will be used as your exit date from the Yellow Ribbon Program. Please note that you may request an extension in the program if your anticipated graduation term changes.

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- I certify that I am currently or will be enrolled as a degree seeking CUA student during the academic semester for which I am requesting participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- I understand the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services will determine Yellow Ribbon program eligibility based on academic program. Actual benefit eligibility will be credited to my student account directly in the form of a tuition and fee waiver after all VA payments have been received for that semester, likely at the end of the semester.
- I understand that my participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program is contingent on the continuation of my VA educational benefits. If my benefits expire prior to the conclusion of the semester, I will not be eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.
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- I understand that I may not receive a Yellow Ribbon Tuition Waiver in conjunction with any other institutional scholarship(s), grant(s), tuition waiver(s) or endowment(s). I further understand that the total dollar amount of my Post 9/11, VA Yellow Ribbon and CUA Yellow Ribbon benefit contributions cannot exceed my tuition charges.
- By participating in the multi-semester Yellow Ribbon Agreement I understand that the office of Financial Aid will not consider me for any institutional scholarship(s), grant(s), tuition waiver(s) or endowment(s) during my participation period.

- I understand that I still must confirm my participation in the Yellow Ribbon program each semester by notifying the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services via cua-veterans@cua.edu.
- I understand that I still must complete the Yellow Ribbon Application each academic year to continue my participant in the YRP.
- The information I submit on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I wish to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program at CUA for the entirety of my current academic degree program.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Office Use Only

Date Received by Military and Veteran Student Services: _____

Time Received by Military and Veteran Student Services: _____

Date of Copy to Office of Student Financial Assistance: _____