

The Yellow Ribbon Program

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Department of Veteran Affairs to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and Department of Veteran Affairs will match the same amount as the institution. For more information on the Program please visit http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_BILL_Info/CH33/Yellow_ribbon.htm

ACCU has compiled from [Veteran Affairs](#) and [NAICU](#) websites a list of Catholic institutions of higher learning participating in the program. As of June 30th, 2009, 162 of the 217 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States are enrolled in the Yellow Ribbon Program, offering a combined total of well over 14,000 places to post 9/11 Veterans. This total is a conservative estimation as many institutions are offering an unlimited number of awards.

162 Catholic institutions of higher learning are offering financial support at undergraduate level, 51 at the master's level and 13 at the doctoral level participating institutions serve both rural and urban population areas.

Institutionally funded awards vary from one Catholic campus to another, ranging from \$1,000 to \$14,000 at the undergraduate level, with a \$2,500 median. Master's level awards range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 with a \$2,000 median and doctoral awards range from \$1,000 to \$11,500 with a \$3,000 median.

It should be noted that each institution specifies a maximum number of Yellow Ribbon available to veterans at each degree level. The following table lists Catholic colleges and universities participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Corrections and additions may be submitted to accu@accunet.org.

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