University of Hawai‘i-West O‘ahu
2015-2016 Yellow Ribbon Program Application

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement 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 Department of Veterans Affairs to fund tuition expenses that exceed the public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and the Department of Veterans Affairs will match the same amount as the institution. Schools participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program are required to offer participation to students on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) Certificate of Eligibility showing Yellow Ribbon Program eligibility
- Classified as a non-resident student paying the non-resident tuition rate
- Admitted to a degree program for the semester in which benefits are being requested with UH West O‘ahu as your home institution

Note: Active duty personnel receiving Chapter 33 benefits and spouses of active duty personnel receiving Transfer of Entitlement (ToE) benefits are not eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program.

APPLICATION PROCESS:
For the 2015-2016 academic year, UH West O‘ahu will offer Yellow Ribbon Program awards to students who meet the eligibility requirements on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply, students must submit ALL of the following documents as one application packet to be considered:
- Copy of the student’s VA Certificate of Eligibility showing Yellow Ribbon Program eligibility
- UH West O‘ahu 2015-2016 Yellow Ribbon Program Application
- UH West O‘ahu Veteran Student Enrollment Certification Form

Completed application packets will be accepted for the 2015-2016 academic year beginning July 1, 2015. Documents submitted before this date will not be accepted. The application deadline is August 20, 2015 for fall 2015 and January 8, 2016 for spring 2016.

Completed applications may be dropped off in-person (C-141), sent through postal mail, email or fax.

Postal Mail: 91-1001 Farrington Highway
Kapolei, HI 96707
Email: uhwo.records@hawaii.edu
FAX: (808) 689-2901
Subject Line: Yellow Ribbon Program
ATTN: VA Certifying Official

NOTIFICATION PROCESS:
Eligible students who submit their application packet will be notified by phone or through their UH email account of their award status. The 2015-2016 Yellow Ribbon Program award is valid from August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

UH ID: __________________________ - __________________________

Last Name ____________  First Name ____________  MI ____________

Statement of Acknowledgement:
- I am eligible to participate in the 2015-2016 Yellow Ribbon Program and have submitted all the required documents as stated above.
- I understand that submitting the application packet does not guarantee my acceptance/participation in the 2015-2016 Yellow Ribbon Program.
- If I do not receive the Yellow Ribbon Program award for the 2015-2016 academic year (August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016) due to non enrollment or ineligibility, the award will be given to the next eligible student.
- The University is not required to continue making Yellow Ribbon contributions if I am not in good academic standing, if I have a break in attendance, or if the University does not renew the Yellow Ribbon Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the following academic year.
- The University’s maximum contribution for the 2015-2016 academic year is $6000 and I understand that I may have to pay any outstanding balance I may incur for a fall, spring, or summer term with my own funds.

Student’s Signature __________________________  Date __________________________

07/2015