

**Yellow Ribbon Open Season**

Yellow Ribbon Season is now Open- March 25, 2019 – May 15, 2019. If you have no changes your contract will automatically be renewed. If you have corrections, you must submit a VA Form 22-0839.

<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-0839-ARE.pdf>

This form must be submitted in the following manner:

1. Via e-mail to [Yellow.Ribbon@va.gov](mailto:Yellow.Ribbon@va.gov). If submitting via e-mail, please attach a scanned copy of the signed form. (VA cannot process applications received without a signature.); or
2. Via fax to 202-275-2636 with a cover sheet displaying Attn: Yellow Ribbon Team; or
3. Via postal mail to the following address:

Department of Veterans Affairs Attn: Yellow Ribbon Program (223C) 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20420

If sent via email or fax, retain proof of submission (email or fax transmittal). If sent via mail return receipt requested, retain proof of receipt.

**New Tuition Rates**

The tuition rates are posted: The new rates are effective August 1, 2019. The new cap is \$24,476.79. All rates can be found at the link below:

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits\\_resources/rate\\_tables.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp)

**New SCO Handbook**

A new SCO Handbook was posted on March 20, 2019 to the GI Bill ® Website. Version 5.6 Dated March 15, 2019.

**Registration for the 2019 Workshops is now open.**

To register for a workshop, please send an e-mail with the following information to [RA-VetEd@pa.gov](mailto:RA-VetEd@pa.gov):

- Name(s) of person(s) attending
- Institution you will be representing
- E-mail address of each person attending
- Telephone number of each person attending

There is a strict limit of 5 attendees from each facility.

**Registrations will conclude on April 9<sup>th</sup> for the April 30 - May 2, 2019 workshops and April 16<sup>th</sup> for the May 7 - 9 workshops.**

## **How to Keep up-to-date with the Latest Information**

The best way to keep informed with the latest information with regards to Veterans and their VA GI Bill® is to visit the VA GI Bill® website at least once weekly if not more often. As new information comes out, it can be found there. This is where we get most of the information that we provide in these Certifying Official Newsletters.

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