

Yellow Ribbon Program Policy (38 U.S.C. § 3317)

NewSchool of Architecture & Design (NSAD) participates in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, a voluntary agreement that allows the University and the VA to share tuition and fee expenses that exceed the annual Post-9/11 GI Bill® cap.

Institutional Commitment

NSAD has entered into a Yellow Ribbon Program Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The institution does not limit the number of eligible students and imposes no annual maximum contribution. VA matches NSAD's contribution dollar-for-dollar for each eligible participant.

Eligibility Requirements

Students must:

1. Be entitled to the 100 percent Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefit rate;
2. Be enrolled in a degree program at NSAD;
3. Remain in good academic and financial standing; and
4. Submit a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or Statement of Benefits to the School Certifying Official (SCO) before the start of the term.

Active-duty servicemembers and their spouses are not eligible under VA regulations. Eligible dependents with transferred benefits may qualify if the transferring servicemember meets the 100 percent tier.

Application and Renewal

Students must complete the NSAD Yellow Ribbon Application Form each academic year. Awards are processed on a first-come, first-served basis and renewed automatically for subsequent terms in the same academic year if eligibility continues.

Institutional Funding Source and Calculation

- NSAD funds its portion through the Institutional Scholarship Fund, managed by the Financial Aid Office.
- The University contributes 50 percent of remaining tuition and fees exceeding the VA annual cap after all other aid is applied.
- VA matches NSAD's contribution in equal amount.
- The award appears on the student ledger as "Yellow Ribbon Institutional Match Scholarship."

Recordkeeping and Audit Compliance

NSAD retains records of:

- Yellow Ribbon applications and approvals;
- internal funding authorizations;
- ledger postings of institutional and VA contributions; and
- VA remittance confirmations.

Records are maintained for three years beyond the student's final certified term and are available for VA or State Approving Agency review.

Loss of Eligibility

Eligibility ends if the student's Post-9/11 GI Bill® entitlement falls below 100 percent, or if academic or financial standing is not maintained. Reinstatement requires renewed eligibility documentation.