

## **VA YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM AT WATKINS COLLEGE OF ART, DESIGN & FILM**

The items listed below will help Yellow Ribbon students understand how this VA benefit is processed at Watkins College of Art, Design and Film.

*Question:* How do students apply for the yellow ribbon program at Watkins

*Answer:* When you receive a certificate of eligibility from the Veterans Administration that qualifies you for CH33 Yellow Ribbon, you should bring that certificate to the school certifying official. This will automatically entitle you to the program at the school, based on school qualifications for the program.

*Question:* How will students be notified they are accepted into the yellow ribbon program?

*Answer:* You will be automatically enrolled if your certificate of eligibility states you are eligible for the yellow ribbon. If the maximum number of students based on Watkins' policy is reached, you will receive written notification that you are not eligible at that time but will be placed on a waiting list. Watkins allows a maximum of 15 students in the program at one time. If this number is exceeded you will be placed on a first come first served based. A list will be kept by the SCO in his or her office. Students may inquire of their place on the list

*Question:* How often is the yellow ribbon money distributed?

*Answer:* Yellow ribbon money is distributed any semester a student is eligible to receive it. Fall, Spring, Maymester or Summer. Eligibility is determined by enrollment in classes whether full or part time.

*Question:* Does other Watkins Institutional Scholarship money affect how much yellow ribbon scholarship money a student can receive or vice versa?

*Answer:* No, you will receive any yellow ribbon money you are eligible for regardless of how much you are receiving from Watkins Institutional Scholarship money.

*Question:* How does a student find out about the yellow ribbon program at Watkins?

*Answer:* The SCO (school certifying official) is available to answer your questions during normal business hours. You may also gather information from the Watkins website at [www.watkins.edu](http://www.watkins.edu). Searching "veterans" in the search field will take you directly to the VA information.

If you have further questions or if you are denied a yellow ribbon benefit, you may speak to the SCO at Watkins to appeal it. Appeals should be written and handed to the SCO. A written response will be provided to the student within 5 business days.