

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM AGREEMENT

VA FORM 22-0839, OMB CONTROL 2900-0718

REVISION

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

Purpose: The revisions made to this existing form will create a new stand-alone form in addition to retaining the Yellow Ribbon portion of the current 22-0839. The new Principles of Excellence Form is identified as VA Form 22-10275. These changes are required to clarify the following:

The Yellow Ribbon Program Agreement typically accepts new participating schools (or changes to existing agreements,) only during an annual open season from March through May. Also, only degree granting institutions are eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

The Principles of Excellence Program is available to schools with programs approved for VA Education Benefits and/or the military's Federal Tuition Assistance Program. This includes non-degree post-secondary schools and vocational training institutions. Also, a school can agree to the Principles of Excellence at any time of year. Creating two forms from the existing single form will facilitate greater participation in the Principles of Excellence without detriment to the Yellow Ribbon Program.

This action is considered a substantive change to the form. Though the combined total burden of both forms is expected to remain essentially the same, using two forms would break the burden into two parts. Completion of both forms may not be required unless the school elects to do so.