We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Syracuse University College of Law is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program. As such, you may be entitled to veterans educational benefits through the VA in conjunction with Syracuse University. Below is an outline of the steps that will take place to process your benefits.

1. You must apply for your benefits with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The VA has an online application (VONAPP) on which you may complete the application, or, a paper application called Form 22-1990 may be submitted to the VA’s Eastern Regional Processing Office (P.O. Box 4616, Buffalo, NY 14240-4616). If you have trouble with the application process, call a VA Education Case Manager at 1-888-GiBill1 (1-888-442-4551).

2. After you apply for federal benefits, the VA will issue a “Certificate of Eligibility” (COE). Please send the College of Law Financial Aid Office a copy of the COE via email, fax (315-443-9568), or mail to Syracuse University College of Law, Office of Financial Aid, Suite 340 White Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244-1030.

3. Complete the Syracuse University VA Benefits Request Form. If this form doesn’t appear on your Financial Aid To Do List on MySlice, please access it from the SU Veterans Resource Center website (the form is a PDF found under the “Important Links” heading). This form must be completed for each term you wish to receive benefits at Syracuse University. Benefits will be processed on a first-come/first-served basis, so it is important to complete this in a timely manner.

4. Syracuse University will award estimated veterans benefits awards as part of your financial aid award, based upon your GI Bill Benefit Tier. Depending on the estimated value of your VA Benefits, College of Law scholarships or grants may be reduced or cancelled. If you have questions about your financial aid eligibility, contact the College of Law Office of Financial Aid at 315-443-1962 or by email.

5. In addition to applying for federal veterans educational benefits, you may be eligible to apply for student loans through the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. To begin the loan application process, you must complete a 2014-2015 FAFSA and also log onto MySlice and complete any outstanding tasks listed on your Financial Aid To Do List.

We encourage you to contact our Veteran’s Resource Center at: veterans@syr.edu or by calling their office at (315) 443-3261. They will be able to help you with the process of applying for these benefits and can assist you in choosing the most appropriate VA benefit to utilize during your tenure at Syracuse University College of Law.
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Syracuse Law Financial Aid Office at: financialaid@law.syr.edu or by calling us at (315) 443-1962.