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Two local private schools are among 11 colleges, universities and schools across New Hampshire that have made agreements with the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve financial aid for veterans participating in the Post-9/11 GI Bill program.

Franklin Pierce University and Antioch University New England have agreed to help returning veterans — or their children — earn a degree.

Under the Yellow Ribbon Program, the schools offer scholarships to veterans who have served since Sept. 11, 2001, worth up to 50 percent of the difference between their tuition and the most expensive public college or university in the state.

The Veterans' Affairs Department will match the scholarship for eligible students, erasing the cost difference between private and public institutions.

Returning veterans with six years of service can choose to transfer their scholarships to their children.

Antioch has offered \$2,000 for up to 15 students each year. Tuition and fees at the Keene graduate school vary according to the program, from roughly \$4,200 for a certificate in therapy for autism spectrum disorders, to just over \$10,000 for the accelerated version of the Green master's in business administration program.

Franklin Pierce has offered \$4,986 for undergraduates and \$1,000 for graduate students. The money will be available for 100 students among the school's locations in Concord, Keene, Lebanon, Manchester, Portsmouth and the main campus in Rindge.

Veterans who served at least 36 months on active duty or served at least 30 continuous days and were discharged due to a service-related injury are eligible for the program.

For more information, call 1-888-442-4551.

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