



EDUCATION AND TRAINING



MONTGOMERY GI BILL – SELECTED RESERVE

WHAT IS THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL – SELECTED RESERVE (CHAPTER 1606)?

The Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve is an education program that provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve. This includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves, as well as the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

An eligible reservist may get education benefits while in a program approved for VA training. For information about the types of training available, please click on this link [VA's WEAMS Institution Search Tool](#) to search for approved Education and Job Training Programs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be considered an eligible reservist or National Guard member if:

- After June 30, 1985, you signed a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve, **AND**
- You completed your Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT), **AND**
- You got your High School Diploma or GED before you completed your IADT, **AND**
- You are in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve unit.

Benefits generally end 14 years from the date you become eligible or when you leave the Selected Reserves. Your period of eligibility may be extended if you were unable to train because of a service-related disability.

HOW MUCH DOES VA PAY?

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training. If you are attending school, your payment is based on your training time (i.e. full time, half time, etc). For the Educational Assistance Allowance, please see [current rate tables](#).

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



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HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

Once you find a program approved for VA training you can [apply online](#).

For more information, call toll-free 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI BILL 1) or visit the [GI Bill website](#).

