

# Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve

## MONTGOMERY GI BILL – SELECTED RESERVE (CHAPTER 1606)

The MGIB-SR may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve, which includes the Army Reserves, Navy Reserves, Air Force Reserves, Marine Corps Reserves, Coast Guard Reserves, the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. If you are eligible, you may receive up to 36 months of education benefits for degree programs, certificates or licensures, correspondence courses, cooperative training, independent study programs, on-the-job and apprenticeship training, and vocational flight training programs.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

While the VA makes benefit payments, the Reserve components themselves decide who is eligible for the MGIB-SR program.

### Generally you must meet the following requirements:

- x Have a 6 year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985. If you are an officer, you must have agreed to serve six years in addition to your original obligation. For some types of training, it is necessary to have a 6 year commitment that begins after September 30, 1990.
- x Complete your IADT (Initial Active Duty for Training).
- x Have a high school diploma or GED before applying for benefits.
- x Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve or be discharged from selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct.

### Eligibility for benefits normally ends on the day you leave the Selected Reserve, except in the following cases:

- x If you are mobilized or recalled to active duty from your reserve status, your eligibility may be extended for the amount of time you are mobilized PLUS four months.
- x If your unit is deactivated during the period beginning October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2014, you will retain your original period of eligibility which is 14 years from the date of your first 6 year obligation.
- x If you are involuntarily separated for reason other than misconduct, you will retain your original period of eligibility for 14 years from the date of your first 6 year obligation with the selected reserves.

### Eligibility may be suspended for the following reasons:

- x Entering AGR (Active Guard and Reserve) Status. You can resume MGIB-SR after your AGR status ends if you return to the Selected Reserve within one year, or you may be eligible MGIB-Active Duty based on your AGR service.
- x Unsatisfactory Participation.
- x Receiving a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Scholarship (SROTC).

*Note: Service members are prohibited from using the same service period to establish eligibility for multiple VA programs.*

## BENEFIT INFORMATION

A monthly benefit will be paid to you based on the type of training, your rate of pursuit, and other factors. Contact the VA for more details on your specific benefits.

### Monthly benefit rates effective October 1, 2011:

- x Institutional Degree Training: \$345 monthly for full-time training; \$258 for ¾ training time; \$171 for ½ training time; \$86.25 for less than ½ training time.
- x Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training: First 6 months of training: \$258.75; Second 6 months of training: \$189.75; Remaining pursuit of training: \$120.75.
- x Correspondence and Flight Training: Entitlement charged at the rate of one month for each \$345 in benefits paid.

*\* Note: Interval payments (living stipends between school terms) will no longer be available for any VA education programs, except in times of natural disaster or national emergencies. Payments for the first and last month of the term will be prorated based on the actual days of the term.*

## APPLYING FOR BENEFITS

Your unit will give you a DD Form 2384-1 (Notice of Basic Eligibility) when you become eligible for the program. Your unit will also code your eligibility in the Department of Defense personnel system so the VA can verify your eligibility.

**Apply Online:** Visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov), and choose "Apply for Benefits", which will lead you to VONAPP (Veterans' Online Application). If you need help getting started, follow the VA's "Roadmap to Success" which will help you calculate your benefits, compare VA programs, and determine the best benefit to use.

**Apply by Mail:** Obtain VA Form 22-1990 online at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) under the "Apply" section of the "Roadmap to Success", or you can request a copy to be mailed to you at 1-888-GIBill-1. Mail your completed form and other documentation to your appropriate VA Regional Processing Office, which can be found in the "Apply" section of the GI Bill webpage. A list of possible documentation you may need to include can be viewed on the VA GI Bill website in the "Step 6: Apply" section of the "Roadmap to Success".

**QUESTIONS?** Visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call 1-888-GIBILL-1. A benefit comparison chart can be found on the VA's GI Bill webpage by under "Benefit Comparison Tools" in the "Benefit Resources" menu.

For more information, contact a helpful Education Resource Information representative today at 857-288-0973.



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