Important VA forms for Students

• VA 22-1990 - Application for VA Education benefits
• VA 22-1990E - Application for Transfer of Entitlement Benefits
• VA 22-1990t - Application for Tutorial Assistance
• VA 22-1995 - Request change of Program/Place of Training
• VA 22-5490 - Application for Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance (also Fry Scholarship)

These forms can be accessed by clicking here.

Chapter 30: Montgomery G.I Bill (Active Duty)

What does this program provide?

• MGIB-AD program provides education and training benefits to eligible members of Active Duty.
• MGIB-AD is an education benefit that provides up to 36 months of educational assistance.
• For complete list of benefits provided by this program please refer to the website linked at the bottom of this section.

Who is eligible?

Eligibility depends on: An honorable discharge; AND possession have a high school diploma/GED or in some cases 12 hours of college credit; AND meeting the requirements of one of the categories below:

• Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985.
• Had military pay reduced by $100 a month for first 12 months.
• Continuously served for three years or two years, if that is what the applicant first enlisted for or if the applicant entered the Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served four years.

OR:

• Entered active duty before January 1, 1977.
• Served at least one day between 10/19/84 and 6/30/85, and stayed on active duty through 6/30/88.
• On 12/31/89, the applicant had entitlement left from Vietnam-era GI Bill.

OR:

• Not eligible for MGIB under the above categories.
• On active duty on 9/30/90 AND separated involuntarily after 2/2/91, or after 11/30/93.
• OR voluntarily separated under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) program
• Before separation, the applicant had military pay reduced by $1,200.

OR:

• On active duty on 10/9/96 AND the applicant had money in a VEAP account on that date AND they elected MGIB by 10/9/97
• Had military pay reduced by $100 a month for 12 months or made a $1,200 lump-sum contribution

Important Details

• The monthly benefit paid to the recipient is based on the type of training he/she takes, length of their service, their category, any college fund eligibility, and if they contributed to the $600 buy-up program.
• Recipients usually have 10 years to use their MGIB benefits, but the time limit can be fewer or more years depending on the situation.

Helpful link:

Chapter 30: Montgomery G.I Bill Info

Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

What does this program provide?

• Comprehensive evaluation to determine abilities, skills, and interests for employment.
• Vocational counseling and rehabilitation planning for employment services.
• Employment services such as job-training, job-seeking skills, resume development and other work readiness assistance.
• Assistance finding and keeping a job, including the use of special employer incentives and job accommodations.
• On the Job Training (OJT), apprenticeships, and non-paid work experiences.
• Post-secondary training at a college, vocational, technical or business school.
Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

Who is eligible?
- Have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from VA
- Apply for VR&E services

Important Details
- After eligibility is established, the veteran is scheduled to meet with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) for a comprehensive evaluation to determine if he/she is entitled to services. A comprehensive evaluation includes:
  - An assessment of the Veteran’s interests, aptitudes, and abilities
  - An assessment of whether service-connected disabilities impair the Veteran’s ability to find and/or hold a job.
  - Vocational exploration and goal development leading to employment and/or maximum independence in the Veteran’s daily life.

Helpful link:
Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Info

Chapter 32: Veteran Education Assistance Program (VEAP)

What does this program provide?
- VEAP is available if the veteran elected to make contributions from their military pay to participate in this education program.
- Assistance may be used for college degree and certificate programs, technical or vocational courses, flight training, apprenticeships or on-the-job training, high-tech training, licensing and certification tests, entrepreneurship training, certain entrance examinations, and correspondence courses. In certain circumstances, remedial, deficiency, and refresher training may also be available.

Who is eligible?
- Entered service for the first time between Jan. 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985
- Opened a contribution account before April 1, 1987
- Voluntarily contributed from $25 to $2,700;
- Completed the first period of service and was discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

If the veteran are currently on active duty and wish to receive VEAP benefits, they must have at least 3 months of contributions available.

Important details
- The recipient have 10 years from their release from active duty to use VEAP benefits.
- If the applicant is on active duty, they must have their enrollment approved by their base Education Services Officer, and they must have their service verified by their Commanding Officer.

Helpful link:
Chapter 32 Veteran Education Assistance Program (VEAP) Info

Chapter 33: Post 9/11 G.I Bill

What does this program provide?
- For approved programs, the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides up to 36 months of education benefits, generally payable for 15 years following an applicant’s release from active duty.
- The Post-9/11 GI Bill may be used to fund may be used for college degree and certificate programs, technical or vocational courses, flight training, apprenticeships or on-the-job training, high-tech training, licensing and certification tests, entrepreneur training, certain entrance examinations, tutorial assistance, and augmenting DoD Tuition Assistance.
- The following payments may also be available:
  - Monthly housing allowance
  - Annual books and supplies stipend
  - One-time rural benefit
Some Servicemembers may also transfer unused GI Bill benefits to their dependents.

**Who is eligible?**

- Students may be eligible if they served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after September 10, 2001, or were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability after serving 30 continuous days following September 11, 2001.

**Important Details**

- Full tuition and fees are paid directly to the school for all public school in-state students.
- For those attending private or foreign schools, tuition and fees are capped at the national maximum rate.
- If the applicant is attending a private or a public institution of higher learning as a nonresident, out-of-state student they may be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program and entitled to additional education-related costs not covered by VA.

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**Helpful links:**

- Veteran GI Bill comparison tool
- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill Info

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**Chapter 35: Survivors and Dependents Assistance**

**What does this program provide?**

There are two main GI Bill programs offering education assistance to survivors and dependents of Veterans: The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) and the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship. The details of the program are outline below:

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<td><strong>Benefit Payments</strong></td>
<td><strong>Tuition &amp; Fee Payment (Paid to School)</strong> - Full in-state tuition costs covered for training pursued at public institutions. Up to $22,805.34 per year at private institutions</td>
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<td>Monthly amount paid directly to the student. The current monthly payment for full-time training is $1,024.00</td>
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<td><strong>Duration of Beneficiaries</strong></td>
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• Officers must have agreed to serve six years in addition to their original obligation.
• For more information on how to apply for the MGIB-SR please refer to the link listed at the bottom of this section.

Important Details
• Eligibility for the program normally ends the day the applicant leaves the Selected Reserve.
• An exception exists if the applicant is mobilized or recalled to active duty from their reserve status in which case their eligibility may be extended for the amount of time they were mobilized PLUS four months.
• Even if the applicant leaves the Reserves after mobilization, they may have additional eligibility under the MGIB-SR.
• For more information on how to apply for the MGIB-SR please refer to the link listed at the bottom of this section.

Who is eligible?
• Applicants with a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985.
• Officers must have agreed to serve six years in addition to their original obligation.
• Applicants must complete their initial active duty for training (IADT)
• Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT.

Important Details
• In most situations, the applicant will be required to make an irrevocable election between the DEA program and the Fry Scholarship when they apply.
• Beneficiaries are not able to use the same qualifying event for more than one benefit unless they are a child of a Servicemember that died in the line of duty prior to August 1, 2011.

Helpful link:
Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill (SR) Info
### Chapter 1607: Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

**What does this program provide?**

- REAP provides educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency declared by the president or Congress.

**Who is eligible?**

**Current REAP beneficiaries** - Veterans who were attending an educational institution and using REAP on November 24, 2015, or during the last semester, quarter, or term ending prior to that date are eligible to continue receiving REAP benefits until November 25, 2019.

**REAP beneficiaries not attending school** - Veterans who applied for REAP but were not attending an educational institution on November 24, 2015, or during the last semester/quarter/term ending prior to that date are no longer eligible to receive REAP benefits.

**New REAP applicants** - Veterans who have not enrolled in school and applied for REAP benefits prior to November 25, 2015, are no longer eligible for REAP benefits. However, in most cases they will be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

**Important details**

- If a new application for REAP is filed on or after November 25, 2015, the VA will evaluate their eligibility for all programs, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and may award the applicant benefits under a different program.

**Helpful link:**

[Chapter 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance Program Info](#)

### VA Work Study

**What does this program provide?**

- VA work-study participants can earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or their State minimum wage, whichever is greater.
- If the applicant is in a work-study job at a college or university, their school may pay the applicant the difference between the amount VA pays and the amount the school normally pays other work-study students doing the same job.
- Recipients may elect to be paid in advance for 40% of the number of hours in their work-study agreement or for 50 hours, whichever is less.
- Recipients may work during or between periods of enrollment. Recipients can arrange with VA to work any number of hours they want during their enrollment.
- The total number of hours the applicant can work can’t be more than 25 times the number of weeks in their enrollment period.

**Who is eligible?**

- Students are eligible if in receipt of VA education benefits and attending school at (3/4) training time or greater during an enrollment period.

**Important details**

- Work-Study Services may be utilized at Educational Institutions, VA Regional Offices, VA Medical Centers, Veteran Centers, and State & Local VA offices.
- Eligible students should complete VA form 22-8691 (Application for Work-Study Allowance) and either fax the application to 716-551-3241 or email the application to workstudy.vba.buf.va.gov.

**Helpful link:**

[VA Work Study Info](#)