

Military Education Benefits

Whether you are a veteran, military spouse or dependent or an active-duty service member, there are varieties of options to finance your education.

Veterans

[View New Veteran Checklist and instructions for veteran students](#) to apply to ESCC and use your GI Bill® Benefits.

There are multiple GI Bill® benefits and each is different. We recommend comparing your options using the [GI Bill® Comparison Tool](#) or the [VA website comparison table](#). These tools can help you calculate your benefits; research approved programs, and determine eligibility.

Only the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs can determine your personal eligibility for benefits. Call 888-442-4551 to learn about your eligibility status.

- [Post 9/11 GI Bill® – Chapter 33](#)

The Post-9/11 GI Bill® provides education benefits for those who have served on active duty for 90 or more days after September 10, 2001.

All training programs must be approved for GI Bill® benefits. Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits include:

- Tutorial assistance up to 100% tuition and fee coverage, dependent on your eligibility tier
- monthly housing allowance
- annual books and supplies stipend

This benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits, including tuition and fee coverage up to 100% (depending on your eligibility tier), monthly housing allowance, and an annual stipend for books and supplies.

Generally, benefits are payable for 15 years following your release from active duty. The Post-9/11 GI Bill® also offers some service members the opportunity to [transfer their GI Bill® to dependents](#).

- [Montgomery GI Bill® - Chapter 30](#)

The MGIB-AD program—sometimes known as Chapter 30—provides education benefits to Veterans and Service members who have at least two years of active duty service after June 30, 1985.

Eligible Service members may receive up to 36 months of education benefits. The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, length of your service, your category, any college fund eligibility, and if you contributed to the \$600 buy-up program.

- [**Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve – Chapter 1606**](#)

The Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) is available to veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves, as well as the National Guard.

Eligibility for MGIB-SR

To be eligible for the MGIB-SR you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve or Guard signed after June 30, 1985. If you are an officer, you must have agreed to serve six years in addition to your original obligation.
- Complete your Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT)
- Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit

- [**Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Program - Chapter 31**](#)

This program helps veterans with service-connected disabilities become employed, maintain employment, or achieve independence in daily living. The program offers a number of services to help each eligible disabled veteran reach their rehabilitation goal, including vocational and personal counseling, education and training, financial aid, job assistance, and more. [Chapter 31 VA Education Pay Rates](#)

Military Spouses and dependents

The Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provide education benefits for spouses and dependents of service members and veterans. These programs help qualified students achieve their educational goals, such as earning a college degree or completing vocational training.

- [**Survivors & Dependents Educational Assistance \(Chapter 35\)**](#)

The Survivors and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program (also known as Chapter 35) provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training.

- [**Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program \(VMSDEP\)**](#)

The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) provides educational benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or who became at least 90 percent disabled* as a result of military service in an armed conflict.

- [**Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship**](#)

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of Service members who died in the line of duty while on active duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries attending school may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level.

Active Duty and Reserve Service Members

Tuition Assistance (TA) is the term used for financial aid given by military branches to active duty and reserve service members for college courses. Each branch of the military has its own tuition assistance policy. Service members should contact their Education Services Officer (ESO) for detailed information.

How to Request Tuition Assistance

- Click on the following service link that applies to your military branch service:

[**Navy, Marines and Coast Guard**](#)

[**Air Force**](#)

[**Army \(Active and Reserve\)**](#)

[**National Guard**](#)

