

Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30)

You can get education benefits through this program if you were honorably discharged and you meet the requirements of one of the categories below.

Category I

All of these are true. You:

- Have a high school diploma, GED, or 12 hours of college credit, **and**
- Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985, **and**
- Had your military pay reduced by \$100 a month for the first 12 months of service

And at least one of these is true. You served continuously (without a break) for:

- 3 years, **or**
- 2 years if that was your agreement when you enlisted, **or**
- 4 years if you entered the Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty (called the 2 by 4 program)

Category II

All of these are true. You:

- Have a high school diploma, GED, or 12 hours of college credit, **and**
- Entered active duty before January 1, 1977 (or before January 2, 1978, under a delayed enlistment program contracted before January 1, 1977), **and**
- Served at least 1 day between October 19, 1984, and June 30, 1985, and stayed on active duty through June 30, 1988 (or through June 30, 1987, if you entered the Selected Reserve within 1 year of leaving active duty and served 4 years), **and**
- Had at least 1 day of entitlement left under the Vietnam Era GI Bill (Chapter 34) as of December 31, 1989

Category III

All of these are true. You:

- Have a high school diploma, GED, or 12 hours of college credit, **and**
- Don't qualify for MGIB under categories I or II, **and**
- Had your military pay reduced by \$1,200 before separation

And one of these is true. You:

- Were on active duty on September 30, 1990, and involuntarily separated (not by your choice) after February 2, 1991, **or**
- Involuntarily separated on or after November 30, 1993, **or**
- Chose to voluntarily separate under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) program or the Special Separation Benefit (SSB) program

Category IV

Both of these are true. You:

- Have a high school diploma, GED, or 12 hours of college credit, **and**
- Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for 12 months or made a \$1,200 lump-sum contribution (meaning you paid it all at once)

And one of these is true. You:

- Were on active duty on October 9, 1996, had money left in a VEAP account on that date, and chose MGIB before October 9, 1997, **or**
- Entered full-time National Guard duty under title 32, USC, between July 1, 1985, and November 28, 1989, and chose MGIB between October 9, 1996, and July 9, 1997

The Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD) includes:

- Up to 36 months of education benefits.
 - Benefits are paid monthly, at the end of each month.
- The amount you'll receive depends on these factors:

- Your length of service, **and**
- The type of education or training program you choose, **and**
- Your category (as defined above), **and**
- Whether you qualify for a college fund or kicker, **and**
- How much you've paid into the \$600 Buy-Up program

Note: You usually have 10 years to use your MGIB-AD benefits. This may change depending on your situation.

Since the MGIB-AD is paid directly to you, the student, you must make accommodations to pay your tuition and fees (via Financial Aid, Tuition Assistance, or other means). To receive your payments, you must call 1.877.823.2378 or log in to the VA's [Web Automated Verification System \(WAVE\)](#) verify his/her attendance each month.

If this is the first time you are using this benefit, it can take the VA up to 12 weeks to process your certification once it is submitted. You may not receive your housing allowance until mid to late semester. Budget accordingly.

Montgomery GI Bill Selective Reserve (Chapter 1606)

The Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) program offers up to 36 months of education and training benefits. If you're a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard, you may be eligible for this benefit.

You can get education benefits under this program if you meet the requirements listed

below. One of these must be true. You:

- Have a 6-year service obligation (you agreed to serve 6 years) in the Selected Reserve, **or**
- Are an officer in the Selected Reserve and you agreed to serve 6 years in addition to your initial service obligation
 - **Note:** Your obligation must have started after June 30, 1985, or for some types of training after September 30, 1990.

And all of these must also be true. You:

- Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT), **and**

- Get a high school diploma or certificate of equal value, like a High School Equivalency Diploma or GED, before finishing IADT
 - **Note:** You can't use 12 hours toward a college degree to meet this requirement, **and**
- Stay in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit.
 - **Note:** You'll still be eligible if you're discharged from Selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct

Since the MGIB-AD is paid directly to you, the student, you must make accommodations to pay your tuition and fees (via Financial Aid, Tuition Assistance, or other means). To receive your payments, you must call 1.877.823.2378 or log in to the VA's [Web Automated Verification System \(WAVE\)](#) verify his/her attendance each month.

Please note: You MAY NOT receive funding from MGIB-SR and Federal Tuition Assistance for the same classes in the same term.

If this is the first time you are using this benefit, it can take the VA up to 12 weeks to process your certification once it is submitted. You may not receive your housing allowance until mid to late semester. Budget accordingly.