

Veteran Education Benefits

Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve

The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

What is the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve?

You may use this education assistance program for degree programs, certificate or correspondence courses, cooperative training, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and vocational flight training programs. Remedial, refresher and deficiency training are available under certain circumstances.

Eligibility for this program is determined by the Selected Reserve components. VA makes the payments for this program.

You may be entitled to receive up to 36 months of education benefits.

If your eligibility to this program began on or after October 1, 1992, your period of eligibility ends 14 years from your beginning date of eligibility, or on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.

If your eligibility to this program began prior to October 1, 1992, your period of eligibility ends 10 years from your beginning date of eligibility, or on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.

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Who is Eligible?

To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- Have a six-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 six-year commitment that begins after September 30, 1990;

- Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT);
- Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT. You may not use 12 hours toward a college degree to meet this requirement;
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit.

If your Reserve or National Guard unit is deactivated during the period October 1, 1991, through September 30, 1995, or you are involuntarily separated (e.g., reduction in force) from Reserve or National Guard service during this same period, you will retain eligibility for MGIB - SR benefits for the full 14 year eligibility period. You will also retain MGIB - SR eligibility if you were discharged from Selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct. Your eligibility period may be extended if you are ordered to active duty.

How Much Does VA Pay?

[Current Benefit Rates for Chapter 1606 Benefit Recipients](#)

How Do I Apply?

Your unit will give you **DD Form 2384-1, Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)**, when you become eligible for the program. Your unit will also code your eligibility into the Department of Defense personnel system so that VA may verify your eligibility.

New Applicant

You can apply by filling out [VAF 22-1990 - Application for Education Benefits](#). The original VA Form 22-1990, member 4 version of your DD-214 and a Mount Olive College VA Certification Form must be submitted to the Veterans Affairs Office.

You may also apply online at the **Veterans On Line Applications (VONAPP)** website. If you choose to apply online, please print out the application and bring it along with your class schedule to the Mount Olive College Veterans Affairs Office so we know that you applied online and can remind the Veterans Administration Office of your method of applying for benefits.

Transfer Applicant

You can apply by filling out [VAF 22-1995 - Request for Change of VA Education Program or Place of Training](#). The original VA Form 22-1995 and a

Mount Olive College VA Certification Form must be submitted to the Veterans Affairs Office.

Mount Olive College VA Certification Form

All educational benefits recipients must submit your course schedule EVERY semester to receive your benefits. [MOC VA Certification Form](#)

How can I Prevent Overpayments and Penalties?

An overpayment is an incorrect benefit payment that is more than the amount to which you are entitled. If you promptly notify the university's Veteran's Services staff of changes affecting your benefits, you can prevent or reduce overpayments.

In addition, you should use reasonable judgment when you accept and cash a check. Carefully read all letters from the VA about the monthly rate and effective dates of your benefits. If you think a VA check is wrong, contact the VA **before** cashing the check. Return any checks for too much money to the VA.

If you cash a check for the wrong amount, you will be liable for repayment of any resulting overpayment.

If you apply for financial aid with the Mount Olive College Financial Aid Office and complete the FAFSA, you must declare your veteran benefits on the FAFSA or you will be liable for repayment of an overpayment.

How Can I Get More Information?

Visit the [Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Education Benefits](#) web page. Or Call toll free 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).