

What Is the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve?

The Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve is an education program that provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve. This includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves, as well as the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. It is the first program that doesn't require a person to serve on active duty in the regular Armed Forces to qualify.

An eligible reservist may get education benefits while in a program approved for VA training. For information about the types of training available, call the toll-free number listed at the bottom of the page.

Who Is Eligible?

You may be considered an eligible reservist or National Guard member if:

- after June 30, 1985, you signed a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve, AND
- you completed your Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT), AND
- you got your High School Diploma or GED before you completed your IADT, AND
- you are in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve unit

If you stay in the Selected Reserves, benefits generally end 10 years from the date you became eligible for the program if you became eligible before October 1, 1992. Benefits generally end 14 years from the date you became eligible if you became eligible on or after October 1, 1992. Your period of eligibility may be extended, if you were unable to train because of a service-related disability. Typically, your eligibility ends when you leave the Selected Reserves.

Note: If you are an officer in the Selected Reserve **OR** if you entered active duty from the Selected Reserve after November 29, 1989, call the toll-free number below for additional eligibility requirements.

How Much Does VA Pay?

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training. If you are attending school, your payment is based on your training time (i.e. full time, half time, etc). The current full-time rate for college training is \$309 per month.

How Can You Apply?

Your unit will give you a *Notice of Basic Eligibility* (DD Form 2384 or 2384-1) when you become eligible for Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve. Once you find a program approved for VA training, complete VA Form 22-1990, *Application for Education Benefits*, and send it to the VA regional office that serves the state where you will train.

You can also apply online through our web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

Related Benefits

Work-Study Program
Tutorial Assistance
Educational and Vocational Counseling

**For More Information, Call Toll-Free 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
or Visit Our Web Site At <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.**