

**Informational Guide for Chapter 1606  
Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)**



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## **MONTGOMERY GI BILL – SELECTED RESERVE, CHAPTER 1606**

The Montgomery GI Bill®-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR, Chapter 1606) is an education program that provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve. This includes the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. **It also includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.**

### Eligibility Requirements:

**-Signed a six-year obligation.** You must enter a six-year obligation to serve in the Select Reserve / National Guard. If you are an officer, you must agree to serve six years in addition to your current obligation.

**-Completed your Basic & IADT (Initial Active Duty for Training)**

**-Maintain Selected Reserve Status** – remain in good standing.

### **HOW TO APPLY FOR BENEFITS**

*Step One.* Complete the application, VA Form 22-1990, Application for VA Education Benefits.

<https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/1990/introduction>

*Step Two.* The VA will process your claim, typically within 30 days.

*Step Three.* You will be awarded a Certificate of Eligibility (COE), which you will provide the Office of Military & Services Certifying Official.

### **HOW DO YOU RECEIVE PAYMENTS?**

Receiving monthly payments is a three-step process:

1. Your Reserve or Guard component establishes your eligibility.

Establishing Your Eligibility: Only your Reserve or Guard component has the authority to determine your eligibility for MGIB-SR benefits. VA doesn't have the authority to make a decision about your eligibility. DD Form 2384-1 must be signed both by you and the appropriate officer of your component and then given the Office of Military & Veteran Services Certifying Official.

2. The certifying official at your school certifies your enrollment.

After you select a school and submit your application to the VA, ask the certifying official to submit an enrollment certification. The VA will process your enrollment based on certified training time.

3. You verify your enrollment monthly [see instructions below].

**You will NOT receive payment until VA receives your verification.** You must verify your attendance each month in order to continue to receive payments. You submit your verification at the end of the month to cover the month you just attended.

You can submit your verification on-line or by phone. To verify on-line, go to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) and click on *Information for Benefit Recipients* then click on the link for WAVE (Web Automated Verification of Enrollment).

To verify by phone, call **1-877-823-2378**. Follow the instructions. When the system tells you that you are certified, your verification is complete.

Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill® - Selected Reserve (Ch. 1606 of Title 10, U.S.C.). The following basic monthly rates are effective October 1, 2020.

Institutional Training	
Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$407.00
3/4 time	\$305.00
1/2 time	\$203.00
Less than 1/2 time	\$101.75

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits\\_resources/rates/ch1606/ch1606rates100119.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch1606/ch1606rates100119.asp)

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