Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserves

The Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserves provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserves, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves, as well as the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

An eligible reservist may get education benefits for:
- College, business, technical, or vocational school
- "Top-Up" tuition assistance
- On-the-job training and apprenticeship programs
- Correspondence courses
- Flight training (in some cases)
- National tests
- Remedial, deficiency, and refresher training (in some cases)
- The cost of tests for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep, or advance in a job

Eligibility Information
If you are currently in the Selected Reserves, you may be eligible for benefits if:

After June 30, 1985, you signed a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserves and

You completed your Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) and

You received 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.

Authoritative information about the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserves is available online at gibill.va.gov or by calling the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at 1-888-GIBILL1.

Tuition Coverage
The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take and whether the Department of Defense made additional contributions, or kickers, on your behalf.

Institutional Training

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Getting Started
To receive education benefits, you must have a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). You can apply for your COE by going to the VA web site at gibill.va.gov and applying for your federal GI Bill education benefits using the Veteran Online Application (VONAPP).

Please submit completed forms or document copies to either the VA or the Registrar's Office, according to your circumstances.

If you have never applied for benefits, submit:
- An Application for VA Benefits (VA Form 22-1990) through VONAPP and include your Notice of Basic Eligibility and any Kicker Agreement, if applicable
- A COE to the Registrar's Office
- A Veterans Registration Reporting Form to the Registrar's Office

If you have had a one-year break in attendance at Mason or if you used your benefits at another institution, submit:
- A Change of Program or Place of Training (VA Form 22-1995) through VONAPP
- A COE to the Registrar's Office
- A Veterans Registration Reporting Form to the Registrar's Office

If you received your benefit at Mason within the last year, submit:
- A Veterans Registration Reporting Form to the Registrar's Office
- The Veteran Registration Reporting Form is available online at military.gmu.edu.
Payment Policies
George Mason University realizes that today’s student veterans should not be penalized because their federal education benefits are received in a manner inconsistent with other students receiving federal education benefits. As such, Mason implemented a Veteran Payment Plan for those student veterans who were receiving VA education benefits on a monthly basis.

Military Activation Policy
George Mason University students who are in the military reserves or the National Guard of the United States who are called to active duty after the beginning of a semester or summer session have two options they may consider with the appropriate dean’s office in determining their enrollment status with the university:

- Students may withdraw from all courses in which they are enrolled as of the effective date of the orders to report to active duty. When this option is selected, a full credit of all tuition and fees will be made to the student’s account. Students will receive a pro-rated credit of dining service and housing contract charges.
- Students may take a grade of incomplete in all courses. The conditions for completing course work and receiving a regular grade should be agreed to between the student and the instructors for each course.

Applicants to Mason, who have accepted an offer of admission but who have not yet registered in a degree program, will be allowed to defer their enrollment.

Setting Your Azimuth to Graduation: Step-by-Step Instructions
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. For more information on financial aid, go to the Office of Student Financial Aid. The application should be filed as soon as possible after January 1.

Apply! You can find information on admission to Mason and an online application at the Office of Admissions web site. Ensure you complete the attached Application for In-State Tuition and provide supporting documents. For more information on domicile issues, go to the Registrar’s Office web site.

Apply for your federal GI Bill education benefits using the Veteran Online Application web site in order to receive a COE.

Submit a copy of the COE to the Registrar’s Office to complete the application process.

Complete the Veterans Registration Reporting Form each semester after registration is finalized to continue receiving GI Bill benefits. The form is available online at military.gmu.edu.

Attend student orientation. University Orientation is offered over the summer for students enrolling in the fall semester and December through January for students enrolling in the spring semester. Information can be found on the Office of Orientation and Family Programs and Services web site.

Stop in and say hi! Visit the Office of Military Services to learn about more benefits you may be eligible to receive and meet other veterans attending Mason.