Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve

What is the Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)?

The Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve is an educational program. It 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 Reserves. It also includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

Eligible reservists may receive education benefits while in VA-approved training programs. For information about the type of training available, visit VA’s WEAMS Institution Search Tool:

Who is Eligible?

You may be eligible if all of the following are true:

- After June 30, 1985, you signed a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve.
- You completed your Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT).
- You got your high school diploma or GED before you completed your IADT.
- You are in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve unit.

Generally, benefits end when you leave the Selected Reserves. Eligibility may be extended if you were unable to train due to a service-related disability.

How Much Does VA Pay?

The monthly benefit is based on the type of training. If you are attending school, your payment is based on training time (full-time, half-time, etc.). For the Educational
Assistance Allowance, see the current rate tables:

How Can You Apply?

Once you find a VA-approved training program, you can apply online:

For more information, call 888-GI-BILL-1 or visit https://benefits.va.gov/gibill.