



**CHAPTER 30—Montgomery GI Bill & Selective Reserve Educational Assistance Program
Chapter 1606/1607—Selective Reserve Educational Assistance Program**

Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30)

- Education benefits based on active duty service
- Available benefits may vary depending on each person's particular situation and length of active duty service
- Individuals entering military service on or after July 1, 1985 contribute \$100 a month for the first twelve months of their service to be eligible for this educational assistance program.
- Veteran must have been released from active duty with the character of discharge specifically listed as honorable.
- This benefit must be used within ten years after the veteran is discharged from active duty.

National Guard / Selective Reserve (Chapters 1606/1607)

- For reservists and National Guardsmen
- Eligible individual enlists, re-enlists, or extends an enlistment for a period of not less than six years, and
- Has completed IADT
- The Reserve/Guard determines your eligibility
- To receive Chapter 1607, must have been activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001

Initial Application

- Complete VA form 22-1990
- PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND ANSWER IN FULL. The application is available at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. **Turn a copy of the completed form in to the Office of Financial Aid.**

Required Documentation

- Certified copy of your DD214 (Member 4 copy)
- Or (for Reservists/National Guard), one copy of your Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE), which you can receive from your unit.
- If interested in direct deposit, submit one voided personal check with your initial application.
- After you have registered for classes, we will submit your completed 22-1990, along with your DD214, voided check (if applicable), and your initial enrollment certification to the VA after you have registered for classes for the semester. A copy of your initial application and DD214 will be kept on file in our office.
- Once you have used your GI Bill or Selective Reserve educational benefits, we will automatically certify your hours every semester you register for classes, unless you tell us you don't want to use your benefits or we determine that additional paperwork is necessary.

Prior Credit Evaluation

If you have previously attended any other colleges

You must have academic transcripts submitted to the Parkland Office of Admissions and Records so that previous credit can be evaluated—no exceptions. Please note: The transcript must come directly from the previous institution. It cannot be hand carried by you.

Previous military course work evaluation

If you wish to have any previous military course work evaluated, contact the Assistant Director in the Parkland Admissions office for further information.

Enrollment Guidelines and Helpful Hints

- It may take up to twelve weeks to process your initial claim for benefits with the VA.
- When you apply for VA educational benefits, you must declare your educational goal in the form of a specific academic major.
- Parkland College academic counselors are available to you for personal discussion and advisement of our educational goals and course selection.
- The VA is prohibited from paying you for any courses in which you enroll that do not apply to the academic major you specified when applying for benefits.
- If you change your declared major, you must complete a Change of Program or Place of Training form (VA form 22-1995).
- If you withdraw from any classes, you can be charged with a financial “overpayment” retroactive to the Beginning of the semester. Before withdrawing from any classes, you should speak with a financial aid advisor.
- You cannot remain on academic probation longer than two consecutive terms without your enrollment certification being interrupted for “lack of satisfactory academic progress.” (See college catalog, “Veterans Affairs (VA): Policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress.”)
- You have the right to file a “Statement in Support Claim” (VA form 21-4138).
- It is your responsibility to inform the Office of Financial Aid in a timely manner of any changes in your address and Parkland College enrollment status.
- Never make assumptions when it comes to your academic program or VA benefits. If you have any questions about educational benefits, contact the Office of Financial Aid. If you have any academic questions, contact your academic advisor/counselor.

Enrollment Verification Guidelines

You must verify your enrollment monthly with the VA in order to receive your benefits. This can be done on the last day of each month after you receive your eligibility letter.

Online (WAVE): www.gibill.va.gov

Touch-tone telephone: 1-877-823-2378

VA Contact Information

Federal Benefit Information
U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office
P. O. Box 66830
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6830

1-888-442-4551

E-mail: go to www.gibill.va.gov, and click on “ask a question.”

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