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Chapter 30 and 1606 Information

CHAPTER 30—Montgomery GI Bill® & Selective Reserve Educational Assistance Program Chapter 1606—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.
- Chapter 30 Standard Pay Rate (less than 3-year obligation)

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| 12 or more hours | \$ 1978.00 |
| 9-11 hours | \$ 1483.50 |
| 6-8 hours | \$ 989.00 |
| 4-5 hours | Tuition & fees not to exceed \$ 989.00 |
| 1-3 hours | Tuition & fees not to exceed \$ 494.50 |
- Chapter 30 Standard Pay Rate (at least 3-year obligation)

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| 12 or more hours | \$ 2438.00 |
| 9-11 hours | \$ 1828.50 |
| 6-8 hours | \$ 1219.00 |
| 4-5 hours | Tuition & fees not to exceed \$ 1219.00 |
| 1-3 hours | Tuition & fees not to exceed \$ 609.50 |

National Guard / Selective Reserve (Chapter 1606)

- 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

Basic Benefits

- Monthly living stipend
- Amounts vary depending on enrolled hours and benefit eligibility
- Chapter 1606 Standard Pay Rate

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| 12 or more hours | \$ 481.00 |
| 9-11 hours | \$ 360.00 |
| 4-8 hours | \$ 240.00 |
| Less than half time | Tuition & fees not to exceed \$120.25 |

Initial Application

- Complete VA form 22-1990
- PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND ANSWER IN FULL. The application is available at www.vets.gov.
- Submit initial certification request form to the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services

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. After submitting the transcript, obtain a VA Prior Credit form from the Financial Aid Office to submit to the Admissions Office for evaluation of the classes for credit.

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.

Certification

Each semester after registering for classes, and after submitting a **Veteran Certification Request Form**, you will be certified after it is confirmed that the classes that you are enrolled in will count towards your certificate/degree program.

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.
- The VA pays you based on the number of hours you are enrolled in each day of the semester. Be aware of shortened terms as this may affect payment.
- 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.
- You **must** be certificate/degree-seeking to receive this benefit.
- If you are currently on active duty or enrolled in a term less than half-time you will not receive a “living stipend”. You will only receive a one-time payment for the amount of tuition.
- A class that is repeated can only be certified if it was failed or if a grade was given that precludes you from moving to the next level.
- 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.benefits.va.gov/gibill/.

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

VA Contact Information

Federal Benefit Information

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1-888-442-4551

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