

# FY17 Education Programs Overview

## ❖ New Jersey National Guard Tuition (Waiver) Program

- 30 Participating New Jersey Public Institutions of Higher Learning (see list below)
- *Undergraduate/Graduate* Tuition waived for NJNG members (Army or Air)
  - Must remain in good standing with your unit
  - MUST apply for financial aid *annually* using FAFSA [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - Must apply for Post 9/11 GI Bill (If eligible) – not required if transferred to dependents
  - NJDMAVA Form 621-2-R “Commander’s Certificate” *every semester* (unit issued)
  - Must comply with school policies, procedures and academic standards

**Atlantic** Cape Community College  
**Bergen** Community College  
**Brookdale** Community College  
 Rowan College at **Burlington** County  
**Camden** County College  
**Cumberland** County College  
**Essex** County College  
 Rowan College at **Gloucester** County  
**Hudson** County Community College  
**Kean** University

**Mercer** County Community College  
**Middlesex** County College  
**Montclair** State University  
 County College of **Morris**  
**New Jersey City** University  
**NJ Institute of Technology**  
**Ocean** County College  
**Passaic** County Community College  
**Ramapo** College of NJ  
**Raritan** Valley Community College

**Rowan** University  
**Rutgers** University  
**Salem** Community College  
**Stockton** University  
**Sussex** County Community College  
**The College of New Jersey**  
**Thomas Edison** State University  
**Union** County College  
**Warren** County Community College  
**William Paterson** University of NJ

Each school has their own policies and procedures for administering the NJNGTP. You must find out which office is responsible for this program and meet with a representative from that office before you register. This will ensure that you follow the school's policy. For assistance, contact the Veterans Affairs Representative, the Financial Aid Office or the Registrar's Office. For website links to New Jersey Public Colleges and Universities go to:

<http://njarmyguard.com/eso-njngtp>

## ❖ Army Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

- Subject to the availability of funds from current Fiscal Year (FY) budget
- Must attend a DoD MOU approved school: [dodmou.com/InstitutionList.aspx](http://dodmou.com/InstitutionList.aspx)
- \$250 per semester hour } Not to exceed 100% of tuition; fees not authorized
- \$166 per quarter hour } Up to \$4,000 per soldier, per Fiscal Year
- Limited to 16 semester hours per FY; Lifetime Max: 130 undergrad, 39 graduate
- FTA is **ONLY** available after completing 1 yr of service following AIT/OCS/BOLC
- FTA may be used for a second higher degree **ONLY** after 10 years of service; Unless FTA was **NOT** used toward any portion of undergraduate coursework.
- Soldiers must meet APFT and Height/Weight standards; and no SFPA Flags.
- Soldiers must apply for FTA through [www.GoArmyEd.com](http://www.GoArmyEd.com)
  - Up to 60 days prior to and No Later Than 10 days before the course start date – applications will not be approved on or after course start date
  - Grades funded: Undergrad “C” or better; Graduate “B” or better
  - Statement of Understanding and signed approved Degree Plan must be updated to GoArmyEd.com



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# FY17 Montgomery GI Bill Overview

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## ❖ Montgomery GI Bill–Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Chapter 1606

### ➤ Basic Eligibility Requirements

- High School Diploma or equivalent (GED)
- Completion of IADT (Basic Training AND Advanced Individual Training)
- First Reserve Component 6 Year Contract or service obligation after 30 June 1985

### ➤ Benefits of the MGIB-SR: **(VA Hotline: 1-888-GI-BILL-1)**

- Provides 36 full-time months of entitlement (at VA approved schools) \*
  - FY17 monthly rates for Chapter 1606 are as follows:
    - ◆ Full-time (12+ college credits) **\$369 per month** (Max 36 full-time months)
    - ◆ ¾ Time (9-11 college credits) **\$276 per month** (Max 48 three-quarter time months)
    - ◆ ½ Time (6-8 college credits) **\$184 per month** (Max 72 half-time months)
    - ◆ < ½ Time (< 6 college credits) **\$92.95 per month** (Max 144 less than half-time months)
- Expires **14 years** from the day of eligibility. Total entitlement = 36 x \$369 = **\$13,284**

## ❖ Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Chapter 1607

### ➤ Basic Eligibility Requirements

- National Guard and Reserve servicemembers activated after September 11, 2001
- Period of activation must be 90 days or more (including any extensions)

### ➤ Benefits of REAP Chapter 1607: **(VA Hotline: 1-888-GI-BILL-1)**

- Provides 36 full-time months of entitlement (at VA approved schools) \*
  - Payment rates for Chapter 1607 are paid out on a percentage of the MGIB-AD (Chapter 30) rate, percentages and rates for FY16 are as follows:

◆ 90 days but less than one year	40% (Full time student)	\$715.60
◆ One year but less than two years	60% (Full time student)	\$1,073.40
◆ Two years or more	80% (Full time student)	\$1,431.20
- Expires **10 years** after separation from the Selected Reserve or exhaustion of benefit

**NDAA 2016 Sunset REAP on 25 Nov 2015**

## ❖ Montgomery GI Bill–Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Chapter 30

### ➤ Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Active duty or AGR soldiers (Title 10 or 32) who have served 2 years or more
- Character of discharge is “honorable”
- Soldier paid enrollment fee of \$1200

### ➤ Benefits of the MGIB-AD: **(VA Hotline: 1-888-GI-BILL-1)**

- Provides 36 full-time months of entitlement (at VA approved schools) \*
- FY17 Payment rates for Chapter 30 are based upon time served on AD, they are as follows:
  - AD Service of 3 Years or more: Full-time student = **\$1,857.00** per full-time month of entitlement
  - AD Service Less Than 3 Years: Full-time student = **\$1,509.00** per full-time month of entitlement
- Expires **10 years** from the day of discharge or exhaustion of benefit

## ❖ GI Bill–Application Procedures for any chapter

### ➤ Application Procedures – Go to: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/>

- Students applying for benefits for the first time must submit **VA Form 22-1990** “**Application for VA Education Benefits**” VA initial processing time is usually >2 months
- If you have received benefits, but are now switching schools or GI Bill chapters, you must submit a **VA Form 22-1995** “**Request For Change of Program or Place of Training**”
- Applications for **Chapter 30 and 33** must be accompanied with supporting documents of qualifying service i.e. Discharge from Military Service (DD Form 214).
- Your enrollment into training must be certified to the VA by the Certifying Official at a VA approved institution. Find your Certifying Official at: <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub>

\* NOTE: Maximum 48 full-time months of entitlement may be used if eligible for more than one chapter.

For more information go to: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)

# Post-9/11 GI Bill “2.0” (Chapter 33): General Info with S3447 Changes



## Who is eligible for benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

Individuals who serve at least 90 days of aggregate qualifying active duty service after September 10, 2001. Veterans must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

To be eligible for **100%** of the benefit, an individual must have served an aggregate of 36 months of active duty service, or have been discharged for a service-connected disability after 30 days of continuous service.

For those who served fewer than 36 months, the percentage of benefit ranges from 40% to 90%:

<b>40%</b> - 90 or more days	<b>60%</b> - 12 total months	<b>80%</b> - 24 total months
<b>50%</b> - 6 total months	<b>70%</b> - 18 total months	<b>90%</b> - 30 total months.

For example, an individual with five months of qualifying service could receive 40% of the tuition benefit, 40% of the monthly housing allowance, and a maximum of \$400 books and supplies stipend per year.

## What entitlements do students receive under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

The Post-9/11 GI Bill reimburses your tuition & fees to your school and makes housing and other payments directly to you.

### → **Tuition & Fees** - Your school will receive a percentage, as determined by your length of active duty service, of the following:

- For resident students at a public Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) all tuition & fee payments are reimbursed;
- For private and foreign IHLs tuition & fee reimbursement is capped at \$21,970.46 per academic year.

*NOTE: If you are attending a public IHL as a non-resident student or a private IHL that is more expensive than the \$21,970.46 cap you may be eligible for extra payment under the Yellow Ribbon program. See “Yellow Ribbon payments”*

### → **Monthly living stipend** - A monthly housing allowance (MHA) equal to the basic allowance for housing (BAH) amount payable to an E-5 with dependents, in same zip code as your school. This allowance is paid proportionately based on your enrollment. MHA rates will be adjusted for new BAH rates on 1 August instead of 1 January. **NOTE:**

- If you are attending school at the 1/2 time or less rate, or if you are on active duty or the spouse of an active duty member (with transferred entitlements), you will not receive any MHA.
- If you are attending school overseas you will receive a MHA of the average BAH amount for all CONUS locations.
- If you are enrolled solely in distance learning you will receive a housing allowance equal to 1/2 the national average. MHA is also prorated based on length of service. For your school’s current rates check <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/>

### → **Books and supplies stipend** - Up to \$1000/year payment issued directly to the student. This benefit is paid proportionately at \$41.67 per credit hour, not to exceed 24 credit hours per academic year, and is prorated based on length of service. A lump sum payment is paid with the first housing stipend each academic year.

**Yellow Ribbon payments** - The Yellow Ribbon Program allows degree-granting institutions to enter into a voluntary agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate for individuals eligible for the 100% payment tier. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution. This payment is issued to the school when the school certifies and VA processes the student’s enrollment. (*For details [http:// www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\\_ribbon.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp)*)

## What other kinds of education and training does the Post-9/11 GI Bill cover?

- Non-college degree (NCD) programs: Pays actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees at public NCD institutions. At private and foreign institutions, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees or \$21,970.46, whichever is less. Also pays a yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1000 paid proportionately based on enrollment;
- On-the-job and apprenticeship training: Pays a monthly benefit amount prorated based on time in program and a yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1000 paid proportionately based on enrollment;
- Flight programs: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs not to exceed \$12,554.54;
- Correspondence training: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs not to exceed \$10,671.35.
- Allows reimbursement for more than one National Testing Programs/Licensing or Certification (up to \$2,000 per test).
- Allows reimbursement of fees paid to take national exams used for admission to an institution of higher learning (e.g., SAT, ACT, GMAT, LSAT). **CAUTION:** *even low-cost tests are charged one month of entitlement per test.*

**NOTE:** If an individual is eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill as well as other GI Bill benefits, s/he will be required to make **an irrevocable choice** of which benefit to receive.

## What is the period of eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

The period of eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill ends **15-years** from the date of the last discharge or release from active duty of at least: 90 consecutive days; Or, 30 days but less than 90 days if released for a service-connected disability; **or**, 15 years from the date of discharge for the last period of service used to meet the minimum service requirements of 90 aggregate days of service.

For more information go to: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill> or 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)

## Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33): “Transferability” (Add Dependents as Beneficiaries)

### Who is eligible to “transfer” Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to qualified dependents?

Individuals who are currently serving in the Armed Forces (on or after 1 August 2009), have completed **at least six years of service**, and agree to serve up to four more years (must not have an Adverse Action Flag). Extension must be made to add the amount of time to current ETS to equal four years from this date of election for transferability.

Service members can transfer up to 36 months of remaining entitlements to their spouse and/or children. Can **add, revoke or modify** transferability benefits while **servicing** in the Armed Forces. Retirees or separated service members cannot add new beneficiaries; they can only **revoke** or **modify** existing transferred benefits.

#### Spouses

- Can use benefits after service member has served at least **six years** in the armed forces
- Can use benefits up to member’s 15-year eligibility period unless member specifies earlier date
- Can use benefits if divorced after the transfer (unless revoked by Service member)

#### Children

- Can transfer to unmarried child under age of 18, or if in college, **under the age of 23**
- May use benefits after transferor has served **10-years** in the Armed Forces
- Will receive full veteran benefits even if transferor is on active duty (housing and books)
- May use benefits from **age of 18 until age of 26** regardless of transferor’s eligibility period
- May continue to receive benefits after marriage



#### ✓ Procedures to Transfer benefits (must be done in sequence)

- Confirm that your family member is enrolled in DEERS as a qualified dependent
- Log into the DOD TEB website to complete your transfer request: You can access TEB through [milconnect.dmdc.mil](http://milconnect.dmdc.mil) (Sign In, click on “Education”, then “Transfer of Education Benefits”).
- Confirm that your current Expiration Term of Service (ETS) date meets the required service obligation – extend contract if necessary – allow processing time for extension. If your ETS is not updated in the personnel system after 70 days your request will be denied.
- A Service Representative will approve, reject, or set your request to a pending status. If a Statement of Understanding (SOU) form is required by your service - they will contact you with instructions.
- To track the status of your request, you will need to return to the DOD TEB website to check the ‘Status’ in the Sponsor information section. It is important to follow up and ensure this section states “Approved.”
- Once your transfer request is approved, your data is sent to the Dept of Veterans Affairs (DVA).
- To use the benefit complete VA Form 22-1990e (only when benefit is needed) with the DVA online at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>
- DVA will process the dependent’s application and provide a Certificate of Eligibility to the dependent
- Dependent brings the Certificate of Eligibility to the Veterans Affairs Certifying Official at the school they attend to begin processing for payment of benefit.

TEB must be initiated for each dependent **BEFORE** you retire or separate!!!

# Post 9/11 GI Bill

## Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB)



You can access TEB through milConnect at: [www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/)  
login, click on "Education", then "Transfer Education Benefits (TEB)"

*Consider your  
education plan before  
you take this step.*

TEB must be done ***BEFORE*** you retire or separate.!!

### Select the educational program from which to transfer benefits:

Post-9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33

Relation	Name	Birth Date	Months	Begin Date	End Date	Revoke	Revoke Date
No Records Found.							

Submit Request

Cancel Request

\* If there are any questions regarding your family members, please contact your service personnel center.

\* To determine your remaining months of entitlement, contact The Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to speak with a Veterans Benefits Counselor or visit their website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

This line will populate with your dependents. Then select the number of months to assign to each.

### Transferability of Education Benefits Acknowledgements:

- a) I am eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the program I am applying to transfer.
- b) I understand I may transfer up to 36 months (or my remaining months of eligibility, whichever is less) of my education benefits to spouse and/or children, and can modify or revoke my election a
- c) I understand that my spouse may use the benefit immediately and children (ages 18-26) after I have served 10 years.
- d) I understand and agree to remain in the Armed Forces for the period required. I understand that failure to complete that service may lead to an overpayment by the Department of Veterans A documentation will remain on file with the Service).
- e) I understand that I am responsible for any overpayments due to not completing my additional obligated term of service agreement.
- f) I understand that in order to request this transfer, if I'm eligible for the MGIB (Chapter 30, 38 USC), or the MGIB-SR (Chapter 1606, 10 USC) or REAP (Chapter 1607, 10 USC), I am converting f Bill. This conversion is irrevocable.
- g) I may not receive more than a total of 48 months of benefits under two or more programs.
- h) If electing Chapter 33 in lieu of Chapter 30, my months of entitlement under Chapter 33 will be limited to the number of months of entitlement remaining under Chapter 30 on the effective date exhaust my entitlement remaining under Chapter 30 before the effective date of my Chapter 33 election, I may receive up to 12 additional months of benefits under Chapter 33.
- i) My conversion to the Post-9/11 GI Bill is irrevocable and may not be changed. However, I retain the right to change or modify months of entitlement at any time until they are exhausted.

Read these lines before checking.

When you request TEB, your service obligation clock starts ticking. Beginning 2 August 2013, **everyone** will incur a four-year obligation when they request TEB. You will be required to extend your contract if your current ETS is less than four years from the TEB request date. Check with your GI Bill manager or an education counselor **before** you make this transfer. Follow up to ensure your request was approved.



## Web Links to NJARNG Education Programs & Services

[njarmyguard.com/eso](http://njarmyguard.com/eso)



### **GI BILL RESOURCES:**

Veterans Administration  
[benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://benefits.va.gov/gibill)

Apprenticeship  
[dol.gov/apprenticeship](http://dol.gov/apprenticeship)

**TUITION ASSISTANCE:**  
Apply for Federal TA Benefits  
[goarmyed.com](http://goarmyed.com)

**TESTING:**  
DANTES: [dantes.doded.mil](http://dantes.doded.mil)

CLEP Exams  
[clep.collegeboard.org/military](http://clep.collegeboard.org/military)

Study Materials  
[nelnetsolutions.com/dod](http://nelnetsolutions.com/dod)

Credentialing Opportunities  
[cool.army.mil](http://cool.army.mil)

**HELP IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE:**  
Department of Defense TA DECIDE  
[dodmou.com/TADECIDE](http://dodmou.com/TADECIDE)

Department of Education College Navigator  
[nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)

VA GI Bill Comparison Tool  
[vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool](http://vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool)

### **MILITARY TRANSCRIPTS:**

JST: Joint Services Transcript  
[jst.doded.mil](http://jst.doded.mil)

VMET: Officer Credits  
[dmdc.osd.mil/tgps](http://dmdc.osd.mil/tgps)

ATTRS: Army Training Requirement and Resources  
[atrrs.army.mil](http://atrrs.army.mil)

Order DD 214  
[archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records](http://archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records)

Promotion Point Certification  
[hrc.army.mil](http://hrc.army.mil)

CGSC: Command and General Staff College  
[usacac.army.mil/organizations/cace/cgsc](http://usacac.army.mil/organizations/cace/cgsc)

### **CAREER GUIDANCE/PLANNING:**

Army e-Learning:  
[atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/eLearningWelcome.aspx](http://atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/eLearningWelcome.aspx)

Peterson's DOD MWR Libraries Education Lifelong Learning Center: [petersons.com/dod](http://petersons.com/dod)

Military OneSource: [militaryonesource.mil](http://militaryonesource.mil)

Kuder College & Career Planning Counseling Services:  
[dantes.kuder.com](http://dantes.kuder.com)

### ***For More Information:***

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- ❖ Contact your State Education Services Office:
  - ◆ [ng.nj.njarng.list.nj-education@mail.mil](mailto:ng.nj.njarng.list.nj-education@mail.mil) ◆ [njarmyguard.com/eso](http://njarmyguard.com/eso)



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