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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
- National test
- Remedial, deficiency, and refresher training (in some cases)
- The cost of test for licenses or certification 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 ended 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.

Payment Policies

At Reynolds your payment/charge for the tuition and fees for all classes must be made and settled in full according to the payment schedule. Students failing to pay in full by these deadlines risk enrollment cancellation. Students may lose some or all of their desired courses if their tuition and fees are not paid in full. If your tuition and fees are not 100% covered then you will need to pay the remaining balance by the deadlines.

Called to Duty

Reynolds Community College 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/term have some options they may consider with the appropriate dean’s office in determining their enrollment status with Reynolds:

- The student may petition the dean of the school in which his/her courses are housed to determine if he/she is able to continue in the course in an alternate format. The student must provide documentation of his/her deployment to the dean, who shall assess the situation on case-by-case basis.
- In the event that an active duty student is unable to continue enrollment, the student shall be eligible for a tuition refund under Reynolds Policy No. 1-2, Tuition Refunds.

- Students called to active military duty, whose service prevented them from completing their academic program, may be re-admitted to such program. Readmission shall be subject to Reynolds Policy No. 1-20, Effective Catalog Year.

Important information

The following classes cannot be certified:

Personal wellness: if you are the service-member, a copy of your DD214 waives the credit for the personal wellness requirement.

Developmental classes: self-paced and online developmental classes cannot be certified.

The VA does not typically pay for withdrawals: if you withdraw from a class after the add/drop deadline, you may be responsible for tuition and fees.

MGIB Kicker: Reynolds does not report the kicker, only the Montgomery GIBill benefit. If you opted for this benefit at the time of your enlistment, you will automatically receive an additional amount included with your VA monthly stipend. For more questions on the MGIB kicker please contact the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Send previous college transcripts: Admissions and Records. Reynolds Community College. P.O Box 85622. Richmond, VA 23285

Setting you up for success towards completion: Step-by-step Instruction

Apply to Reynolds. You can find information on admission to Reynolds and an application at the Admission and Records 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 Admission and Records office web site.

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

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

1. 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
2. **If you used benefits** at another institution, submit
A Change of Program or Place of Training (VA Form 22-1995) through VONAPP

Attend student orientation. Orientation is offered over the summer for students enrolling in the fall semester. Information can be found available online at http://www.reynolds.edu/student_services/advising/orientation.aspx

Submit a copy of the COE to the Military Resource Center in order to be certified once you have received it from the VA.

- A DD-214 for personal Wellness credit

Complete the Certification Request Form each semester after registration is finalized to continue receiving GI Bill benefits. The form is available online at <https://forms.reynolds.edu/Veterans/>

Verify enrollment with W.A.V.E
Chapter 1606 benefit recipients must go to the Web Automated Verification Enrollment (WAVE). This can be done online at: <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>
To verify your enrollment monthly in order to receive funding. You can also verify by phone: 1-877-823-2378.

Stop in and say hi!

Visit the Military Resource Center to meet other veterans attending Reynolds.