

Education Benefit Programs Offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Defense

- If you served on active duty, you might be eligible for education benefits offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. These include Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (Chapter 30). To be eligible for this benefit you would have had to begin serving active duty service for the first time after June 30, 1985, had your pay reduced \$100 a month for 12 months, and received an honorable discharge. You could be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill if you served at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001, or if you were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must receive an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- If you are actively participating in the Selected Reserves which include Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard you could be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606). To be eligible for this benefit you would be required to complete a 6 year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve and satisfactory participation in required Selected Reserve training.
- If you are currently serving in the military, you may be eligible for funding offered through the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance program. Check your eligibility status and the amount for which you qualify with your branch of service prior to enrolling.
- If you are the spouse or a dependent child of a service member who is serving on active duty Title 10 orders in the paygrades of E1-E5, O1-O2, or W1-W2, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the Department of Defense for education, training, and/or the occupational license and credentials necessary for a portable career.
- If you are a service member, you may be able to transfer your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to your spouse or child. You would need to check with your Unit for more information on this.

* All information on these different types of benefits can be found at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>