

Veteran's Educational Benefits

The Veteran's Federal Educational Benefits that are available include:

- **Montgomery G.I. Bill – Active Duty (Chapter 30)**
Provides education benefits for individuals entering military service after June 30, 1985. Rates of monthly benefit are determined by the serviceperson's previous period of enlistment. Basic entitlement provides assistance for 36 months based on 3 years of continuous active duty.
- **Montgomery G.I. Bill – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)**
For members of the Selected Reserve, including National Guard who, after June 30, 1985, enlist, re-enlist, or extend an enlistment for a period of 6 years or more. Noncontributory monthly benefit amounts up to \$197.50 depend upon full- or part-time student status. An eligible reservist is entitled up to a maximum of 36 months of educational assistance.
- **Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP/Chapter 1607)**
REAP (Chapter 1607 of title 10, U.S. Code) provides educational assistance to members of the reserve components – Selected Reserve (Sel Res) and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) – who are called or ordered to active service in response to a war or national emergency, as declared by the President or Congress.
- **The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35)**
Provides educational assistance allowance to qualifying spouses, surviving spouses, and children of certain veterans who died while on active duty or who are permanently and totally disabled due to their military service.
- **Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans (Chapter 31)**
The veteran must have a disability or disabilities that VA has rated at least 20 percent compensable. VA may authorize up to 48 months or more upon entering a training program. Full cost of tuition, books, fees, supplies, and equipment is paid. For eligibility contact the Veterans Administration, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, or local County Veterans Service Officer.

The Veteran's State Educational Benefits that are available include:

- **Wisconsin G.I. Bill**
Allows veterans and their spouses and children to take classes at colleges in the Wisconsin Technical College System and the University of Wisconsin System without paying course fees. This program has eligibility requirements and not all fees and charges are waived (remitted).
- **Veteran's Education (VetED)**
Provides a reimbursement grant based on a credit-bank system that is based on length of active duty military service to eligible veterans who have not yet been awarded a bachelor's degree for the reimbursement of tuition and fees following successful course completion at an eligible UW, technical college, or approved private institution of higher learning.
- **Retraining Grant**
Recently unemployed or underemployed veteran who demonstrates financial need while being retrained for employment may qualify. Grant application must be submitted within one year after involuntary lay-off or dismissal through no fault of the veteran. Veteran must have been employed 6 consecutive months with the same employer or similar occupation. Eligibility may vary based on WDVA's need formula with a maximum grant of \$3,000. There is a maximum of two years entitlement and veteran must apply each year.
- **Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant Program (NGTG)**
All Guard members, regardless of rank, unit or Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) can take part in the program. Reimbursement is 100% of actual tuition charged by the school (fees, books and supplies are not included). Student must submit a pre-application within 30 days of the student beginning school. Student must earn a 2.0 term GPA and application for the grant program must be received by the WDVA within 60 days after completion of the term of either full-time or part-time study. The program is limited to 120 credits of part-time study or 8 full-time terms.