

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS:

Post 911 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

Basic Eligibility

Apply online at www.gibill.va.gov

Only active duty service performed after September 10, 2001, may be considered for determining eligibility for this new benefit. To be eligible, a service member or veteran must have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty. However, individuals honorably discharged for a service-connected disability who served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001, may also establish eligibility.

Basic Benefits

The maximum basic benefit provides the following:

- Cost of tuition and fees, not to exceed the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher learning in the state you are attending school;
- Monthly housing allowance equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to an E-5 with dependents, in the same zip code as the school; and
- Yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1,000 per year.

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Includes entry level and skill training?	Percentage of Maximum Benefit
At least 36 months	Yes	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Discharged due to service-connected disability)	Yes	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	Yes	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	Yes	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	No	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	No	60
At least 06 months, but less than 12 months	No	50
At least 90 days, but less than 06 months	No	40

Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30)

The MGIB program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. *Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty.* This program is also commonly known as Chapter 30.

The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

Apply online at www.gibill.va.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31)

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) VetSuccess Program is authorized by Congress under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 31. It is sometimes referred to as the Chapter 31 program. The VetSuccess program assists Veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. For Veterans with service-connected disabilities so severe that they cannot immediately consider work, VetSuccess offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible.

Apply online at www.vba.va.gov

NYS Veterans Tuition Award

Veterans Tuition Award (VTA) are awards for full-time and part-time study for eligible veterans matriculated at an undergraduate degree-granting institution or an approved vocational training program in NY State.

Eligible students are those who are New York State residents discharged under honorable conditions from the U.S. Armed Forces and who are:

- 1) Vietnam veterans who served in Indochina between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- 2) Persian Gulf Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf on or after August 2, 1990. Afghanistan Veterans who served in Afghanistan during hostilities on or after September 11, 2001
- 3) Veterans of the armed forces of the US who served in hostilities that occurred after February 28, 1961 as evidenced by receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal or a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

These Students must also:

- 1) Establish eligibility by applying to HESC.
- 2) Be New York State residents
- 3) Be US citizens or eligible noncitizens
- 4) Be matriculated full or part time at an undergraduate degree granting institution in New York State or an approved vocational training program in New York State.
- 5) Have applied for the tuition Assistance Program for full-time undergraduate or graduate study.
- 6) Visit www.veterans.ny.gov to establish eligibility and for further information.
- 7) Hotline: 1 888 697-4372

The educational information provided is for information only, please visit www.gibill.va.gov & www.veterans.ny.gov for complete details.