

## EDUCATION BENEFITS

Bent County / Veterans Services

You may be eligible for several types of VA education and training benefits, but there are many things to consider before you apply for a GI Bill program.

For more in-depth information, updated changes, and current rates please visit <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

### Post 9/11 GI Bill

Minimum Length of Service: 90 days active aggregate service (after 9/10/01) or 30 days continuous if discharged for disability.

Duration of Benefits: 15-year time limitation. Lifted for Veterans who left active duty on or after January 1, 2013, and qualifying dependents (Fry Scholarship children who became eligible on or after January 1, 2013 and all Fry Scholarship spouses).

Maximum number of Months of Benefit: 36

How Payments are Made: Tuition paid to school, housing stipend paid monthly to student, books and supplies paid to student at beginning of term.

Degree Training: Yes

Non-College Degree Training: Yes

On-the-job & Apprenticeship training: Yes

Flight Training: Yes

Correspondence Course: Yes

Work Study Program: Yes

Tutorial Assistance: Yes

## **Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)**

### **Eligibility:**

- Transitioning Servicemembers within six months prior to discharge from active duty
- Veterans within one year following discharge from active duty
- Any Servicemember/Veteran currently eligible for a VA educational benefits
- All current VA education beneficiaries

### **Services Include Assisting the Servicemember/Veteran with:**

- Career Choice – understand the best career options for you based on your interests and capabilities
- Benefits Coaching – guidance on the effective use of your VA benefits and/or other resources to achieve your education and career goals
- Personalized Support – Academic or adjustment counseling and personalized support to help you remove any barriers to your success

### **Work Study**

The VA work-study allowance is available to persons training on a full-time or  $\frac{3}{4}$  time basis under a VA Education Program

### **How Much May I Earn?**

You will earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or your State minimum wage, whichever is greater. If you are in a work study job at a college or university, your school may pay you the difference between the amount VA pays and the amount the school normally pays other work-study students doing the same job as you.

You may elect to be paid in advance for 40% of the number of hours in your work-study agreement, or for 50 hours, whichever is less. After you have completed the hours covered by your first payment the VA will pay you each time you complete 50 hours of service OR bi-weekly, whichever comes first.

You may work during or between periods of enrollment. You can arrange with VA to work any number of hours you want during your enrollment. But the total number of hours you work cannot be more than 25 times the number of weeks in your enrollment period.

## **What Type of Work May I do?**

Services you perform under a VA work-study program must be related to VA work.

Examples of acceptable work are:

- Any activity at a VA facility
- Any activity of a state or local veterans agency related to providing assistance to veterans in obtaining benefits
- Any veterans-related position in an institution of Higher Learning
- Any activity at DOD, Coast Guard, or National Guard facilities relating to the administration of Chapters 1606 or 1607 of Title 10 U.S.C.

## **Montgomery GI Bill – Activity Duty**

Minimum Length of Service: 2 years continuous enlistment (minimum duty varies by service date, branch etc.)

Duration of Benefits: Generally, 10 years from last day of active duty

Maximum Number of Months of Benefits: 36

How Payments are Made: Paid to student

Degree Training: Yes

Non-College Degree Training: Yes

On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training: Yes

Flight Training: Yes

Correspondence Courses: Yes

Licensing & Certification: Yes

National Testing Program: Yes

Tutorial Assistance: Yes

## **Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve**

Minimum Length of Service: 6-year commitment (after 6/30/1985)

Duration of Benefits: Ends the day you leave Selected Reserve

Maximum Number of Months of Benefits: 36

How Payments are Made: Paid to Student

Degree Training: Yes

Non-College Degree Training: Yes

On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training: Yes

Flight Training: Yes

Correspondence Course: Yes

Licensing & Certification: Yes

National Testing Programs: Yes

Work-Study Program: Yes

Tutorial Assistance: Yes

### **Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)**

Minimum Length of Service: 181 continuous days active service (between 12/31/1976 and 7/1/1985)

Duration of Benefits: 10-years from last day of active duty

Maximum Number of Months of Benefits: 36

How Payments are Made: Paid to Student

Degree Training; Yes

Non-College Degree Training: Yes

On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training: Yes

Flight Training; Yes

Correspondence Course: Yes

Licensing & Certification: Yes

National Testing Programs: Yes

Work-Study Program: Yes

Tutorial Assistance: Yes

### **Survivors' and Dependent's Education Assistance Program (DEA)**

Minimum Length of Service: Not Applicable

Duration of Benefits: Spouse 10-20 years, Child Ages 18-26

Maximum Number of Months of Benefits: 45

How Payments Are Made: Paid to Student

Degree Training: Yes

Non-College Degree Training: Yes

On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training: Yes

Flight Training: No

Correspondence Courses: Yes

Licensing & Certification: Yes

National Testing Programs: Yes

Work-Study Program: Yes

Tutorial Assistance: Yes