

How to Apply for Benefits

1. [VA Form 22-1990](#) (Application for Education Benefits)

If you are a veteran-Reservist-National Guard Member and have never used VA education benefits previously, this form must be submitted. The instructions for completion are included on the form. A certified copy of your DD Form 214 (Separation from Active Duty or a Notice of Basic Eligibility for reservists/National Guard must be submitted with the application.)

2. [VA Form 22-1995](#) (Request for Change of Program)

If you have previously used VA education benefits and are changing your program or place of training, this form must be submitted. Instructions are on the form.

3. [VA Form 22-5490](#) (Application for Survivors and Dependents Education Assistance)

If you are filing a claim to determine eligibility as a dependent child or spouse, this form must be submitted. The instructions for completion are on the form.

4. [VA Form 22-5495](#) (Request for Change of Program for Survivors and Dependents)

If you have used VA education benefits previously, this form must be submitted. Instructions for completion are included on the form

ALL COMPLETED FORMS ARE TO BE MAILED TO:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office
P. O. Box 66869
St. Louis, MO 63166-6869

NOTE: YOU MAY FAX YOUR MONTHLY CERTIFICATIONS OF HOURS WORKED TO FISCAL ACCOUNTS AT (314-552-9707)

Contact Information

WHO TO CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE

If you have questions concerning your eligibility, you may contact your local Veterans Service Representative Office or call the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Louis RPO toll free number:

1-888-442-4551 or
Email at www.gibill.va.gov

If you have questions concerning the eligibility of a specific apprenticeship or on-the-job training program, please contact:

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Please visit the KCVA website www.kcva.org for updates on education and other benefits. Please use our comment form to ask questions about benefits and services.



Have you considered using your G.I. Bill Benefits for On-the-Job Training or Apprenticeship Training?



Veterans

Eligible Dependents

National Guard

Reservists

You MAY be eligible to receive a monthly benefit check from the US Department of Veterans Affairs

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On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training

BACKGROUND

Various Public Laws provide for the payment of a monthly training allowance by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for eligible persons pursuing a full-time on-the-job or apprenticeship program that is approved in Kansas by the Kansas Commission Veterans' Affairs.

WHAT IS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

On-The-Job Training (OJT) is training you receive while actually performing a job and earning wages, as well as receiving VA benefits. OJT programs are normally from six months up to two years in length. Some examples of approvable OJT programs are welder, painter, cook, press operator, auto mechanic, and locksmith.

WHAT IS APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

Apprenticeship training is on-the-job training coupled with theoretical related instruction. You receive your VA benefits while working full time and earning wages. Apprenticeship programs are normally for two years to five years in length. Although program registration with the Department of Labor - Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT) and Kansas State Apprenticeship Council is not mandatory for veteran's benefits, it is recommended in order to receive journey worker's papers upon successful completion. Some examples of approved apprenticeship programs are carpenter, electrician, plumber, sheet metal worker, fire-med, machinist, roofer, and law enforcement officer.

NOTE: THESE ARE NOT INCLUSIVE LISTINGS. THERE ARE CURRENTLY OVER 800 TRADE AREAS THAT CAN BE APPROVED.

What are the Benefits?

If you are eligible under Chapter 30 (entered active duty after 07/01/85 and contributed to the Montgomery GI Bill), your monthly allowance should be:

For those veterans whose initial obligated period of active duty was **three or more years.**

	<u>10/01/09</u>
First 6 months	\$1,026.00
Second 6 months	\$752.40
Remainder of program	\$478.80

For those veterans whose initial obligated period of active duty was **less than three years.**

	<u>10/01/09</u>
First 6 months	\$833.25
Second 6 months	\$611.05
Remaining training	\$388.85

If you are eligible under the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserves (Chapter 1606), your monthly allowance will be:

	<u>10/01/09</u>
First 6 months	\$249.75
Second 6 months	\$183.15
Remainder of program	\$116.55

Contact your Reserve/National Guard unit to verify your eligibility for Chapter 1606 benefits.

If you are eligible under Chapter 1607 (REAP), the amount of the monthly allowance is dependent upon the amount of consecutive service time (Active Duty) that you were ordered to wartime duty for. The rates payable effective 10/01/09 are illustrated below:

<u>Service of 90 days but less than 1 year</u>	
First six months	\$410.40
Second six months	\$300.96
Remainder pursuit of training	\$191.52

<u>Service of 1 year +</u>	
First six months	\$615.60
Second six months	\$451.44
Remainder of pursuit	\$287.28

<u>Service of 2 years+</u>	
First six months	\$820.80
Second six months	\$601.92
Remaining pursuit	\$383.04

If you are eligible under Chapter 35 (surviving spouse or child), your monthly allowance, as of

	<u>10/01/09</u>
First six months	\$674.00
Second six months	\$505.00
Third six months	\$333.00
Remaining pursuit	\$168.00

If you were eligible under Chapter 34 (entered active duty between 02/01/55 and 12/31/76), you may be eligible to receive benefits under the Chapter 30 program. Contact the VA Regional Office in St. Louis for more specific information.

Who is Eligible?

1. Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Chapter 30)

Honorably discharged veterans who entered active duty after 07/01/85 and participated in the pay reduction program. Also, certain individuals having Vietnam Era GI Bill eligibility who meets certain eligibility criteria may be eligible for the Chapter 30 program after 12/31/89.

2. Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserves (Chapter 1606 and 1607 (REAP))

Reservists or National Guard Members, who enlisted, re-enlisted or extended an enlistment in the Selected Reserve or National Guard for a period of 6 years after 10/01/90. 1607 is payable if reservist meets consecutive active duty wartime service. Check with VA Office.

3. Dependents Education Assistance Program (Chapter 35)

A child or spouse of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability or has a total disability permanent in nature as a result from a service-connected disability.

4. Veterans Education Assistance Program (Chapter 32)

Those entering active duty between 01/01/77 and 06/30/85 and contributed toward the VEAP benefit. Check with VA Office.