

Education Programs Overview

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❖ New Jersey National Guard Tuition (Waiver) Program

- 31 Participating State Schools (see Eligible State School list below)
- *Undergraduate/Graduate* Tuition waived for NJNG members (Army or Air)
 - Must remain in good standing with your unit
 - MUST apply for financial aid *annually* (FAFSA) <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
 - NJDMAVA Form 621-2-R "Commander's Certification" *every semester* (unit issued)
 - Must comply with school policies, procedures and academic standards
 - New Jersey National Guard Tuition (Waiver) Program's list of 31 Eligible State Schools:

Atlantic Cape Community College
Bergen Community College
Brookdale Community College
Burlington County College
Camden County College
Cumberland County College
Essex County College
Gloucester County College
Hudson County Community Col.
Kean University
Mercer County Community Col.

Middlesex County College
Montclair State University
County College of **Morris**
New Jersey City University *
NJ Institute of Technology
Ocean County College
Passaic County Community College
Ramapo College of NJ
Raritan Valley Community College
Richard Stockton College of NJ
* Formerly Jersey City State College

Rowan University
Rutgers, The State Univ. of NJ
Salem Community College
Sussex County Community College
The College of New Jersey **
Thomas Edison State College
Union County College
Univ. of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ
Warren County Community College
William Paterson Univ. of NJ
** Formerly Trenton State

Each school has their own policies and procedures for administering the NJNGTP. You must find out which office is responsible for this program and meet with a representative from that office before you register. This will ensure that you follow the school's policy. For assistance, contact the Veterans Affairs Representative, the Financial Aid Office or the Registrar's Office. For Internet hyperlinks go to:

<http://www.state.nj.us/military/education/Colleges.htm>

❖ ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance

- Subject to the availability of funds from current FY08 budget
- Attending any accredited school not listed in the above list
- \$250 per semester hour } Not to exceed 100% of tuition
- \$166 per quarter hour } Up to \$4,500 per soldier, per Fiscal Year
- May be used together with the MGIB-SR if enrolled as ½ time or more
- Applications available at: <http://www.virtualarmory.com>
 - Click on "Education" tab, "Online Applications" then "Application for Federal Tuition (You Need to be Logged In)"
- Additional information: <http://www.nj.gov/military/education/TA.htm>

❖ Evaluation of Military Experience and Degree Planning

- Go to <http://www.virtualarmory.com> complete an Education Support Center (ESC) application for an educational assessment and degree plans
 - Click on "Education" tab, "Online Applications" then "Education Support Center"
- If you are unable to access the internet the ESC may be contacted at:
 - Toll Free 1-866-628-5999 or Fax 1-501-212-4928 or esc@ngpec.org

NJARNG Education Center, 3650 Saylor's Pond Road, Ft. Dix, NJ 08640
1 (888) 859-0352 or (609) 562-0654 / 0714 / 0975 Fax: (609) 562-0201

<http://www.nj.gov/military/education>

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Montgomery GI Bill Overview

EDUCATION BENEFITS

❖ Montgomery GI Bill–Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Chapter 1606

➤ Basic Eligibility Requirements

- High School Diploma or equivalent (GED)
- Completion of IADT (Basic Training AND MOS Training)
- First Reserve Component 6 Year Contract or service obligation after 30 June 1985

➤ Benefits of the MGIB-SR: (VA Hotline: 1-888-GI-BILL-1)

- Provides maximum 36 full-time months of entitlement (at VA approved schools)*
 - FY08 monthly rates for Chapter 1606 are as follows:
 - ◆ Full-time (12+ college credits) \$317 (Max 36 months)
 - ◆ ¾ Time (9-11 college credits) \$237 (Max 48 months)
 - ◆ ½ Time (6-8 college credits) \$157 (Max 72 months)
 - ◆ < ½ Time (< 6 college credits) \$79.25 (Max 144 months)
- Expires 14 years from the day of eligibility. Total entitlement = 36 x \$317 = **\$11,412**

❖ MGIB–Reserve Educational Assistance Program Chapter 1607

➤ Basic Eligibility Requirements

- National Guard and Reserve soldiers activated after September 11th, 2001
- Period of activation must be 90 days or more on active duty (Title 10 orders)
- Soldier must remain in the National Guard and be in good standing with their unit

➤ Benefits of the MGIB-REAP: (VA Hotline: 1-888-GI-BILL-1)

- Provides maximum 36 full-time months of entitlement (at VA approved schools)*
 - Payment rates for Chapter 1607 are paid out on a percentage of the MGIB-AD Chapter 30 (3 Yr. rate), percentages and rates for FY08 are as follows:
 - ◆ 90 days but less than one year 40% \$440.40
 - ◆ One year but less than two years 60% \$660.60
 - ◆ Two years or more 80% \$880.80
- Expires when soldier exhausts their benefit or leaves the Selected Reserve

❖ Montgomery GI Bill–Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Chapter 30

➤ Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Active duty or AGR soldiers (Title 10 or 32) who have served 2 years or more
- Character of discharge is “honorable”
- Soldier paid enrollment fee of \$1200

➤ Benefits of the MGIB-AD: (VA Hotline: 1-888-GI-BILL-1)

- Provides maximum 36 full-time months of entitlement (at VA approved schools)*
- FY08 Payment rates for Chapter 30 are based upon time served on AD, they are as follows:
 - Full-time (3 Yr. rate) \$1,101.00 (Max 36 months) For less than full-time rates go to:
 - Full-time (2 Yr. rate) \$894.00 (Max 36 months) http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates.htm
- Expires 10 years from the day of discharge or exhaustion of benefit

❖ Montgomery GI Bill–Application Procedures

➤ Application Procedures

- Soldiers applying for benefits for the first time must submit **VA Form 22-1990 “Application for VA Education Benefits”** VA initial processing time is currently 2-3 months
- Soldiers who have applied for VA education benefits in the past must submit **VA Form 22-1995 “Request For Change of Program or Place of Training”**
 - Applications for **Chapter 30 and 1607** must be accompanied with supporting documents of qualifying service i.e. Discharge from Military Service (DD Form 214).
 - Applications for Chapter 1606 must submit a NOBE (Notice of Basic Eligibility) to the Certifying Official at a VA approved school <http://www.state.nj.us/military/saa/cd.html>
- * NOTE: Maximum 48 full-time months of entitlement may be used if eligible for more than one chapter.

For more information go to: <http://www.gibill.va.gov>