



Post-9/11 GI Bill Resource and Application Guide

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Dear Veterans:

As your United States Senator I will never forget the debt owed to those who have fought to keep America safe, and as Americans we all have a sacred responsibility to support the brave men and women that serve our country in uniform. After World War II we took a step toward fulfilling that responsibility by instituting the Montgomery GI Bill which gave thousands of veterans, including my father, the chance to pursue higher education. I am proud to have helped to pass a new, Post-9/11 GI Bill as another step toward fulfilling that sacred responsibility for a new generation of veterans. On May 1, 2009 the Department of Veterans Affairs started accepting applications for benefits that will be available for use August 1 of this year.

Anyone who served for at least 90 days after September 10, 2001 or was discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days is eligible for benefits. The bill provides a full four year college education to those who served at least three years after September 10, 2001. Those serving less than three years are eligible for a percentage of the maximum benefits based on a sliding scale of time served. In addition, stipends are available for housing and books.

More detailed information on benefits, eligibility, and how to apply is contained in this guide. I also encourage you to visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> for the most up to date information and to apply online. I want to urge all eligible veterans to take advantage of this opportunity. By investing in veterans the original GI Bill helped America build the strongest economy in the world and helped thousands of veterans achieve the American dream. Now it is time for us to invest in our veterans again and set the foundation for a new era of prosperity in New Mexico and the United States.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall
United States Senator

STATE OFFICES:

ALBUQUERQUE PLAZA
201 3RD ST. NW, SUITE 710
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102
505-346-6791

LORETTO TOWN CENTER
505 SOUTH MAIN, SUITE 118
LAS CRUCES, NM 88001
575-526-5475

SANTA FE
120 SOUTH FEDERAL PLACE,
SUITE 302
SANTA FE, NM 87501
505-988-6511

POST-9/11 GI BILL RESOURCE AND APPLICATION GUIDE

As of May 1, 2009, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will begin processing applications for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Benefits do not go into effect until August 1, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is available to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. In addition, you must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Please be aware that the Post-9/11 GI Bill covers education and training pursued after August 1, 2009. Benefits are not available for education or training that took place before this date. Individuals will remain eligible for benefits for 15 years from the date of their last discharge from an active duty period of at least 90 continuous days.

BENEFITS

Benefits available under the Post-9/11 GI Bill include:

- Tuition and fees paid directly to the school
- A monthly housing allowance
- An annual books & supplies stipend of \$1,000
- A one-time rural benefit payment for eligible individuals

Tuition and Fees

The Department of Veterans Affairs will pay tuition and fees directly to the educational institution that an eligible participant attends. The maximum benefit will cover the entire cost of tuition and fees not to exceed the highest in-state, public, undergraduate tuition in the same state as the school the participant is attending. Tuition and fees are treated separately and the ceiling for each is calculated individually. It is the responsibility of the participant to arrange for the payment of any amount over the highest in-state figure. The only exception is with Institutions participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program (see below for more information on this program). The 2008 – 2009 amounts for New Mexico are \$201.40 per credit hour and \$10,600 in fees per term. These figures are provided for planning purposes only. The amounts for the 2009 – 2010 academic year will be available on the Department of Veterans Affairs website by August 1, 2009.

Monthly Housing Stipend

The monthly housing stipend is based on the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) at the location of the school for an E-5 with dependents. In New Mexico the 2009 BAH for an E-5 with dependents ranges from \$910 – \$1,397.

The monthly housing stipend is not available to individuals who are on active duty, enrolled at half time or less, or enrolled exclusively in online courses or training.

Books and Supplies Stipend

The annual books and supplies stipend of \$1,000 is paid proportionately based on enrollment. In other words, a proportion of the stipend will be paid during each quarter, semester, or term that the student is enrolled. Those on active duty are not eligible for the books and supplies stipend.

Rural Benefit

A one-time payment of \$500 is available to participants that meet the following criteria:

The participant resides in a county with a population of 6 people or less per square mile (based on the figure reported in the most recent decennial census);

and **either**

- 1.) Physically relocates at least 500 miles to attend an institution of higher learning;
- 2.) Or travels by air to physically attend an institution of higher learning if no other land-based transportation exists.

Benefit Amounts

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill the amount of time served after September 10, 2001 determines the percentage of the tuition, fees, monthly housing stipend, and books stipend to which an individual is entitled. A longer time in service results in a higher benefit amount. Please note that the one-time rural benefit is exempt from this ceiling.

Those who have served 36 months or longer are entitled to the maximum amount of the benefits for which they are eligible. Those who have served less than 36 months are eligible for a percentage of their maximum benefit as per the table below:

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Percentage of Maximum Benefit
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty <i>(Discharged due to service-connected disability)</i>	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60
At least 6 months, but less than 12 months	50
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	40

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides for 36 months of benefits, enough to cover a four year undergraduate degree. In addition, benefits can be used in pursuit of a graduate degree or vocational/technical training offered by an institution of higher education and approved for GI Bill benefits. It is also possible to be reimbursed for tutorial assistance, and licensing and certification tests.

Transferring Benefits

Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits can be transferred to a spouse or qualifying dependents by active duty personnel. The Department of Defense is responsible for determining eligibility for transfer of benefits and is currently developing policies and regulations to govern the transfer of benefits.

Yellow Ribbon Program

The Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition and fees payment is limited to the highest in-state undergraduate public tuition and fees. If an individual is attending a private college, pursuing a graduate degree, or enrolled as an out-of-state student it is possible a portion of their tuition and fees will not be covered even if they are eligible for 100% of the maximum benefit. The Yellow Ribbon Program allows for institutions to enter into an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs under which the institution can cover up to 50% of any tuition and fees that exceed the maximum benefit and the Department of Veterans Affairs will match the institutions contribution. It is up to each institution to determine the maximum contribution for each individual and the maximum number of students that will be funded in an academic year. Institutions are required to award these grants on a first come first serve basis.

To participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program an individual must be eligible for 100% of the maximum benefit. As of June 4, 2009 the following institutions in New Mexico have agreed to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program:

Name of College	Location	Division or School	Number of Students	School Contribution Amount (Per Student/Per Year)
Computer Career Center	Las Cruces	All	1000	\$14,000.00
St. John's College	Santa Fe	Undergraduate	50	\$18,000.00
St. John's College	Santa Fe	Graduate	50	\$3,000.00
Troy University	Holloman AFB	Undergraduate	2000	\$2,145.00
Troy University	Holloman AFB	Graduate	2000	\$2,955.00
University of the Southwest	Hobbs	All	50	\$3,930.00 Undergraduate, \$1,530.00 Graduate

APPLYING

The Department of Veterans Affairs encourages applicants to apply online through their online application system (VONAPP) which can be accessed at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>. If you have already submitted your application using VONAPP please do not submit a paper application with the online application. If you are having problems with your online application email the VONAPP mailbox at vonapp@vba.va.gov. You can also contact your Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office. The regional office in New Mexico is:

Dennis Chavez Federal Building
500 Gold Avenue SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
1-800-827-1000

A copy of the paper application can be found at the end of this guide. If you opt to use the paper application it should be sent to:

VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 8888
Muskogee, OK 74402

Once your application is submitted the Department of Veterans Affairs will review your application and determine your eligibility.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information is available on the Department of Veterans Affairs website, <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. By clicking on the “Questions & Answers” link on the left hand side of the page you can access a database of frequently asked questions as well as a form for submitting questions through email. You can also call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to speak with a Veterans Benefits Counselor.

Online Resources:

Download an Informational Pamphlet

http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH33/CH33_Pamphlet.pdf

View the 2008 – 2009 Maximum In-State Tuition and Fees Table

http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Tuition_and_fees.htm

GI Bill FAQ

https://www.gibill2.va.gov/vba/vba.cfg/php.exe/enduser/std_alp.php

Determine the BAH for Your School's ZIP Code

<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html>

See a Comparison of Different Education Benefits

http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Benefit_Comparison_Chart.htm

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (NMDVS) is available to assist all veterans with matters relating to benefits and services. NMDVS is an excellent resource for information related to the Post-9/11 GI Bill and many other issues. A list of field offices located in 31 different cities and towns in New Mexico can be found at <http://www.dvs.state.nm.us/field.html>. Additionally, NMDVS can be contacted at:

407 Galisteo Street
Room 142
Santa Fe, NM 87504
(866) 433-8387
<http://www.dvs.state.nm.us>

**APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS
(VA FORM 22-1990)**

Use this form to apply for educational assistance under the following benefit programs:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill chapter 33 of title 38, U.S. Code
- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) chapter 30 of title 38, U.S. Code
- Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S. Code
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) chapter 1607 of title 10, U.S. Code
- Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) chapter 32 of title 38, U.S. Code, or section 903 of Public Law 96-342

**INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS**

Do not use this form to apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits (chapter 31 of title 38, U.S. Code), Dependents Educational Assistance benefits (chapter 35 of title 38, U.S. Code), Transfer of Entitlement, or National Call to Service (section 510 of title 10, U.S. Code). These benefits require different application forms that can be completed on-line and printed at www.va.gov/vaforms or can be obtained from the nearest VA regional office. They may also be available where you received this application.

INTERNET VERSION AVAILABLE - You may complete and submit this application on-line at www.gibill.va.gov. Click "Apply On Line" and select the "Education" option.

VA VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING HELP AVAILABLE - If you need help planning your individual educational and career goals, VA offers a wide range of counseling services to help you make these decisions. Services include educational and vocational guidance and such testing as necessary for you to develop a greater understanding of your skills, talents, and interests. For further information on VA counseling, call VA toll-free at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) or TDD at (800) 829-4833.

NOTE: The numbers on the instructions match the item numbers on the application. Items not mentioned are self-explanatory.

Part II

(This section provides an overview of the general eligibility requirements for various education programs. Additional requirements not listed on this form may be necessary.)

ITEM 9A. You may be eligible for benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, also referred to as chapter 33, if you served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty (excluding entry level and skill training) after September 10, 2001. You may also qualify if you were discharged due to a service-connected disability after serving at least 30 continuous days on active duty after September 10, 2001.

ITEM 9B. You may be eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill, also referred to as MGIB or chapter 30, if you served on active duty and meet certain conditions. NOTE: You do not have to be on active duty to apply for benefits under this program. You must meet any one of the following conditions (there are additional requirements):

You first entered service on or after July 1, 1985, and you didn't decline this benefit at your initial entry into service

OR

You entered service (or agreed to delayed entry) before January 1, 1977, and you have educational assistance entitlement remaining under the Vietnam Era GI Bill (also known as "chapter 34")

OR

You were voluntarily separated under the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) programs and had your military pay reduced by \$1,200

OR

You were involuntarily separated from active duty after February 2, 1991,

OR

You were on active duty and a participant in the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) program on or before October 9, 1996, or you first entered the National Guard under title 32, U.S. Code, between July 1, 1985, and November 28, 1989, you elected chapter 30 benefits between October 9, 1996, and October 8, 1997, and you paid \$1,200

OR

You were on active duty and eligible for VEAP benefits on October 9, 1996, you elected chapter 30 benefits between November 1, 2000, and October 31, 2001, and you paid \$2,700.

ITEM 9C. You may be eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program, also known as MGIB-SR or chapter 1606, if you are a member of the Selected Reserve and meet certain requirements, including a 6-year commitment. (The Departments of Defense and Homeland Security determine eligibility for this program.)

To expedite processing, attach a copy of your DD 2384, Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (GI BILL) Notice of Basic Eligibility. This form is also called a "NOBE." Your reserve unit should have issued this notice to you when you became eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program. If you are unable to locate your copy, request a duplicate from your reserve unit.

ITEM 9D. You may be eligible for benefits under the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), also known as chapter 1607, if you are a member of the Ready Reserve and were called or ordered to active service to support a contingency operation for at least 90 consecutive days on or after September 11, 2001. (The Department of Defense and Homeland Security determine eligibility for this program.)

Attach a copy of any notice of eligibility to this program that you have received from your service component. Also, attach a copy of your orders showing you were called up to active service. If you do not have a copy of your orders, request a duplicate from your unit.

ITEM 9E. You may be eligible for benefits under the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), also known as Chapter 32, if your service began on or after January 1, 1977, and before July 1, 1985, and you contributed to a VEAP account.

You may be eligible for benefits under the Post-Vietnam Era Non-Contributory Veterans' Educational Assistance Program, also known as "Non-Contributory VEAP" or Section 903", if your service began on or after November 30, 1980, and before October 1, 1981, and your branch of service paid contributions into your VEAP account.

ITEM 9F. If you are eligible for MGIB, MGIB-SR, OR REAP, you must elect to give up eligibility under the program for which you are eligible in order to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (chapter 33). If you are eligible for more than one of the programs listed (MGIB, MGIB-SR, and REAP), you are only required to give up one of the programs for which you are eligible in order to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. You may not receive more than a total of 48 months of benefits under two or more programs. If you elect chapter 33 in lieu of chapter 30, your months of entitlement under chapter 33 will be limited to the number of months of entitlement remaining under chapter 30 on the effective date of your election. However, if you completely exhaust your entitlement under chapter 30 before the effective date of your chapter 33 election, you may receive up to 12 additional months of benefits under chapter 33. If you wish to elect to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, check the box next to the program (only check one box) you are giving up.

NOTE: An election to give up benefits under an existing program and receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill is **IRREVOCABLE**. You should carefully consider your decision before completing this section. If you need more information to make a choice, you should visit our website at www.gibill.va.gov or call our toll-free customer service number at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

PART III

ITEM 10A. Self explanatory, except for the following items:

"Vocational Flight Training." You must already have a private pilot's license. If you are taking an Airline Transport Pilot course, you must have a valid first-class medical certificate on the date that you enter training. For all other flight courses, you must have a valid second-class medical certificate on the date that you enter training.

"National Test Reimbursement." You can be reimbursed for the cost of approved tests for admission to, or credit at, institutions of higher learning.

"Licensing or Certification Test Reimbursement." A licensing test is a test offered by a state, local, or federal agency that is required by law to practice an occupation. A certification test is a test designed to provide affirmation of an individual's qualifications in a specific occupation. Examples include EMT, CPA, MCSE, CCNP, etc.

"Tuition Assistance Top-Up." This benefit is payable only under MGIB and the Post-9/11 GI Bill programs. You can receive benefits to pay you for the difference between what the military pays with Tuition Assistance (TA) and the total costs of these courses.

PART VIII

QUESTIONS ARE ONLY FOR APPLICANTS WHOSE SERVICE BEGAN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1977, (or delayed entry before January 2, 1978). If you are currently married or if you have children under age 18 (under age 23 if in school), you should complete and return VA Form 21-686c. If your children are in school, you should also complete and return VA Form 21-674 for each child. If your parent(s) are dependent on you for financial support, you should complete and return VA Form 21-509. These forms may require additional documentation. VA cannot pay any additional benefits for dependents without properly completed forms and documentation. You can find VA forms 21-686c, 21-674, and 21-509 on-line at www.va.gov/vaforms.

ADDITIONAL HELP

If you need more help in completing this application, call VA TOLL FREE at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). If you are hearing impaired, call us toll-free at 1-800-829-4833. You can also get education assistance after normal business hours at our education Internet site www.gibill.va.gov.

HOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM

Be sure to do the following:

(A) If you have selected a school or training establishment:

Step 1: Mail the completed application to the VA Regional Processing Office for the region of that school's physical address. See next page for the addresses of these VA Regional Processing Offices.

Step 2: Tell the veterans certifying official at your school or training establishment that you have applied for VA education benefits. Ask him or her to send your enrollment information using VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification, or its electronic version.

Step 3: Wait for VA to process your application and notify you of its decision concerning your eligibility for education benefits.

(B) If you haven't selected a school or training establishment:

Step 1: Mail the completed application to the VA Regional Processing Office for the region of your home address. See next page for the addresses of these VA Regional Processing Offices.

Step 2: Wait for VA to process your application and notify you of its decision concerning your eligibility for education benefits.

**Eastern Region:
VA Regional Office
P. O. Box 4616
Buffalo, NY 14240-4616**

Serves the following states:

CT	DE	DC	ME
MD	MA	NH	NJ
NY	OH	PA	RI
VT	VA	WV	Foreign Schools

**Central Region:
VA Regional Office
P. O. Box 66830
St. Louis, MO 63166-6830**

Serves the following states:

CO	IA	IL	IN
KS	KY	MI	MN
MO	MT	NE	ND
SD	TN	WI	WY

**Western Region:
VA Regional Office
P. O. Box 8888
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888**

Serves the following states:

AK	AR	AZ	CA
HI	ID	LA	NM
NV	OK	OR	PHILIPPINES
TX	UT	WA	GUAM
APO/FPO AP			

**Southern Region:
VA Regional Office
P. O. Box 100022
Decatur, GA 30031-7022**

Serves the following states:

AL	FL	GA	MS
NC	PR	SC	US Virgin Islands
APO/FPO AA			

Privacy Act Notice: The VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.576 for routine uses (e.g., VA sends educational forms or letters with a veteran's identifying information to the veteran's school or training establishment to (1) assist the veteran in the completion of claims forms or (2) for the VA to obtain further information as may be necessary from the school for the VA to properly process the veteran's education claim or to monitor his or her progress during training) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, and published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain education benefits. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law enacted before January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine the maximum benefits under the law. While you do not have to respond, VA cannot process your claim for education assistance unless the information is furnished as required by existing law (38 U.S.C. 3471). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Any information provided by applicants, recipients, and others may be subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

Respondent Burden: We need this information to determine your eligibility for education benefits (38 U.S.C. 3471). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB (Office of Management and Budget) control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/library/OMBINV.VA.EPA.html#VA. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.



APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

(See attached Information and Instructions)

INTERNET VERSION AVAILABLE - You may complete and send your application over the Internet at: www.gibill.va.gov

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

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<p>7. DIRECT DEPOSIT (Attach a voided personal check or provide the following information. Direct Deposit is not available for VEAP)</p> <p>Routing or Transit Number Account Type Account Number</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <input style="width: 25%; height: 20px;"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> <input style="width: 50%; height: 20px;"/> </div>								
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PART II - EDUCATION BENEFIT BEING APPLIED FOR - See instructions for benefit eligibility criteria

9A. Chapter 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill (Complete 9F if you are eligible for chapter 30, chapter 1606, or chapter 1607)
 9B. Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance Program (MGIB)
 9C. Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (MGIB-SR)
 9D. Chapter 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
 9E. Chapter 32 or Section 903 - Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)
 9F. Chapter 33 Election (Complete only if this is your first request for chapter 33 and you are eligible for one of the benefits listed below)

By electing Chapter 33, I acknowledge that I understand the following:

- I may not receive more than a total of 48 months of benefits under two or more programs.
- If electing chapter 33 in lieu of chapter 30, my months of entitlement under chapter 33 will be limited to the number of months of entitlement remaining under chapter 30 on the effective date of my election. However, if I completely exhaust my entitlement under chapter 30 before the effective date of my chapter 33 election, I may receive up to 12 additional months of benefits under chapter 33.
- My election is **irrevocable** and may not be changed.

I elect to receive chapter 33 education benefits in lieu of the education benefit checked below, effective _____ (date)

I understand that my election is irrevocable and may not be changed. (Check only one)

Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance Program (MGIB)
 Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (MGIB-SR)
 Chapter 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

PART III - TYPE AND PROGRAM OF EDUCATION OR TRAINING

10A. TYPE OF EDUCATION OR TRAINING (See instructions for additional information)

<input type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE OR OTHER SCHOOL (Including on-line courses)	<input type="checkbox"/> APPRENTICESHIP OR ON-THE-JOB
<input type="checkbox"/> VOCATIONAL FLIGHT TRAINING	<input type="checkbox"/> CORRESPONDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL TEST REIMBURSEMENT (SAT, CLEP, ETC.)	<input type="checkbox"/> TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP
<input type="checkbox"/> LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION TEST REIMBURSEMENT (MCSE, CCNA, EMT, NCLEX, ETC.)	<i>(Chapters 30 & 33 only)</i>

VA DATE STAMP
(Do Not Write In This Space)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF APPLICANT

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10B. PROVIDE THE FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL, IF KNOWN (Skip this item if you are only applying for National Test Reimbursement, Licensing and Certification Test Reimbursement, or Tuition Assistance Top-Up)

10C. PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR EDUCATIONAL OR CAREER OBJECTIVE, IF KNOWN (e.g. Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, welding certificate, police officer, etc.)

PART IV - SERVICE INFORMATION

NOTE: It will help VA process your claim if you send a copy of the following:

- DD Form 214 (Member 4) for all periods of active duty service
- DD Form 2384, Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) if applying for Chapter 1606
- Copies of orders if activated from the guard/reserves

11. ARE YOU NOW ON ACTIVE DUTY? (Do not check "Yes" if you are currently on drilling status in the the Selected Reserve, or if you are on active duty for training)

YES NO

12. ARE YOU NOW ON TERMINAL LEAVE JUST BEFORE DISCHARGE?

YES NO (Please provide a copy of your DD Form 214 (Member 4) when issued)

13. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH PERIOD OF MILITARY SERVICE

A. DATE ENTERED	B. DATE SEPARATED	C. SERVICE COMPONENT (USN, USAF, USAR, ARNG, ETC.)	D. SERVICE STATUS (Active duty, drilling reservist, IRR, etc.)	E. WERE YOU INVOLUNTARILY CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR THIS PERIOD?
9/26/2000	9/24/2004	USMC (EXAMPLE)	ACTIVE DUTY	NO
1/18/2005	8/14/2007	USMCR	DRILLING	N/A
8/15/2007	Present	USMC	ACTIVE DUTY	YES

PART V - EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

14A. DID YOU RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE? (If "Yes" provide date)

YES DATE: _____ NO

14B. DO YOU HOLD ANY FAA FLIGHT CERTIFICATES? (If "Yes," specify each certificate in Part IX, Remarks)

YES NO

14C. EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL (Including apprenticeship, on-the-job training, and flight training)

NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR OTHER TRAINING PROVIDER	DATES OF TRAINING		NUMBER AND TYPE OF HOURS (Semester, Quarter, or Clock)	DEGREE, DIPLOMA, OR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED	MAJOR FIELD OR COURSE OF STUDY
	FROM	TO			

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14D. EMPLOYMENT (Only complete if you held a license or journeyman rating to practice a profession)			
EMPLOYMENT	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION	NUMBERS OF MONTHS WORKED	LICENSE OR RATING
BEFORE MILITARY SERVICE			
AFTER MILITARY SERVICE			
PART VI - ENTITLEMENT TO AND USAGE OF ADDITIONAL TYPES OF ASSISTANCE			
15. DID YOU MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS (UP TO \$600.00) TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF YOUR MONTHLY BENEFITS? IF "YES," IT WILL HELP VA PROCESS YOUR CLAIM IF YOU SUBMIT ANY EVIDENCE YOU HAVE TO SUPPORT YOUR CLAIM (e.g., cash collection voucher, leave and earnings statement(s), receipt voucher, etc.)		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
16. DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A KICKER (sometimes called a "College Fund") BASED ON YOUR MILITARY SERVICE? (Kickers are additional amounts contributed by DOD to an education fund). If you qualify for a kicker, it will help VA process your claim if you submit a copy of the kicker contract. Reserve kicker contracts must include the amount and effective date		ACTIVE DUTY KICKER <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO RESERVE KICKER <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
17. IF YOU GRADUATED FROM A MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY, SPECIFY THE YEAR YOU GRADUATED AND RECEIVED YOUR COMMISSION		Graduation Year	
18. WERE YOU COMMISSIONED AS THE RESULT OF A SENIOR ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) SCHOLARSHIP? If you received your commission through a non-scholarship program, check "No." If "Yes," provide the date of your commission and the amount of your scholarship for each school year you were in the Senior ROTC program. Don't report your monthly subsistence allowance (stipend).		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date of Commission _____	
Scholarship Amounts: Year: _____ Amount: _____ Year: _____ Amount: _____ Year: _____ Amount: _____ Year: _____ Amount: _____ Year: _____ Amount: _____			
19. ARE YOU CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN A SENIOR ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM THAT PAYS FOR YOUR TUITION, FEES, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES UNDER SECTION 2107 OF TITLE 10, U.S. CODE?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
20. IF YOU HAD A PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF REPAYING AN EDUCATION LOAN, CHECK "YES". SHOW THE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY THAT THE MILITARY CONSIDERS AS BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPAYING THIS EDUCATION LOAN IN PART IX "REMARKS".		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
21. FOR ACTIVE DUTY CLAIMANTS ONLY: ARE YOU RECEIVING, OR DO YOU ANTICIPATE RECEIVING, ANY MONEY (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE) FROM THE ARMED FORCES OR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE COURSE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED TO THE VA FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS? IF YOU RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS DURING ANY PART OF YOUR TRAINING, CHECK "YES." NOTE: IF YOU ARE ONLY APPLYING FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP, CHECK NO IN THIS ITEM.		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
22. FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ONLY: ARE YOU RECEIVING, OR DO YOU ANTICIPATE RECEIVING, ANY MONEY (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TRAINING ACT) FROM YOUR AGENCY FOR THE SAME PERIOD FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED TO THE VA FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS? IF YOU WILL RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS DURING ANY PART OF YOUR TRAINING, CHECK "YES."		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

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PART VII - INFORMATION ON VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

NOTE: The most current information on VA education benefits is available online at www.gibill.va.gov
 If you would like to receive a printed pamphlet check here.

PART VIII - MARITAL AND DEPENDENCY STATUS

NOTE : Only complete this section if you have military service before January 1, 1977 (or delayed entry before January 2, 1978). See instructions.

22. ARE YOU MARRIED?

YES NO

23. DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDER AGE 18, *OR* OVER 18 BUT UNDER AGE 23, NOT MARRIED AND ATTENDING SCHOOL, *OR* OF ANY AGE PERMANENTLY HELPLESS FOR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL REASONS?

YES NO

24. DO YOU HAVE A PARENT WHO IS DEPENDENT UPON YOU FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

YES NO

PART IX - REMARKS

(If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to include your name and social security number on each sheet)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REMINDERS

Did you remember to

- Write your social security number on each page?
- Write your complete mailing address?
- Attach all supporting documents (e.g. voided check, orders, DD214, kicker contract, NOBE, cash collection voucher, etc.)?

IF SO, PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION BELOW

PART X - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I CERTIFY THAT all statements in my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If on active duty, I also certify that I have consulted with an Education Service Officer (ESO) regarding my education program.

PENALTY - Willful false statements as to a material fact in a claim for education benefits is a punishable offense and may result in the forfeiture of these or other benefits and in criminal penalties.

25A. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (DO NOT PRINT)

25B. DATE SIGNED