

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

GI Bill and Education Resources

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G.I. Bill – Department of Veterans Affairs

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

1-888-442-4551 (Toll Free)

VA educational benefits may be used while the servicemember is on active duty or after the servicemember's separation from active duty with a fully honorable military discharge. All participants must have a high school diploma, equivalency certificate, or have a completed 12 hours toward a college degree before applying for benefits. The GI Bill comparison tool features datasets on the price and student outcomes of more than 10,000 VA-approved education and training programs. GI Bill recipients can also use the tool to figure out how much of the benefit they can receive. Each institution and academic program listed on the site includes information on its estimated tuition and fees, as well as projected housing allowances and book stipends under the GI Bill. **GI Bill Comparison Tool:** <http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>. **VA educational benefits include the following:**

Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/montgomery_bill.asp

Provides up to 36 months of education benefits. May be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Generally benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty.

Post 9/11 GI Bill

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp

Veterans, service members, reservists, and National Guard members with active duty service since Sept. 11, 2001, may be eligible for this benefit. Individuals may apply online through the GI Bill website. Veterans have up to 15 years after discharge to use this benefit, and longer if they have a disability. Allowances up to \$1,800 per month are available, in addition to tuition. Not only will it provide eligible individuals with college tuition assistance, but for many participants it also provides a housing allowance, a stipend for books and supplies, and the option of sharing these benefits with family members.

Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/veap.asp

Available if you first entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985, and if you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. May be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses.

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp

Provides educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency declared by the president or Congress.

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp

Provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. Offer up to 45 months of education benefits, which may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. To

be eligible you must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:

- A veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise out of service in the Armed Forces.
- A veteran who died from any cause while such service-connected disability was in existence.
- A servicemember missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force.
- A servicemember forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- A servicemember who is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability and is likely to be discharged for that disability. This change is effective December 23, 2006.

Higher Education Opportunity Act - In-State Tuition for Military Members and their Families

For periods of enrollment that begin after July 1, 2009, members of the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and his or her spouse, or his and her dependent children will be eligible to receive in-state tuition at public colleges and universities in the state where they reside or are permanently stationed. Once a Service member or their family members are enrolled and paying in-state tuition, they will continue to pay the in-state tuition rate as long as they remain continuously enrolled at the institution even if the Service member is reassigned outside the state. Signed into law on August 14, 2008 and amends and extends the Higher Education Act of 1965. This requirement applies to all public institutions that receive funds under a program authorized by the HEA. Please contact the Veterans Affairs office or the financial aid or registrar's office at the institution you are attending for more information.

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)

E-mail: vaeducationbenefits.mhec@maryland.gov
www.mhec.state.md.us/higherEd/acadAff/VeteransBenefits/index.asp

410-767-3301 (V)
1-800-974-0203 (Toll Free)

Information on education benefits for Maryland veterans, G.I. benefits, tuition waivers, and educational and postsecondary institutions. Provide a full list of Need Based Grants, Legislative Scholarships, Loan Assistant Repayment programs, Career Based and Unique Populations Scholarships as well as other programs. Maryland offers three scholarships for veterans and their eligible dependents.

Education Resources

Accredited Schools Online – Higher Education Resources for Veterans and Their Families

www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/higher-education-for-military-veterans/

Free 20-page guide titled “Higher Education Resources for Veterans and Their Families”, includes detailed research by Ron Kness, a 36-year military veteran and expert in the service-to-school transition. In addition to more than 150 resources with links and brief descriptions, the guide also has 3 pages dedicated solely to veterans education information and resources by state.

AHEAD (Association on Higher Education & Disability)

www.ahead.org

Publication: “Veterans with Disabilities” – Guide for Colleges on Accommodating Student Veterans:
http://ahead.org/uploads/docs/jped/journals/JPED%2022_1%20Complete%20Issue.pdf

Affordable Colleges Online: Higher Education Affordability for Veterans

www.affordablecollegesonline.org/spotlight/veterans-education-resources

Free resource guide for veterans focused on college affordability and higher education options.