



Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission

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Veterans Education Benefits

Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits

If you need help paying for school or job training and you have served on active duty after September 10, 2001, you may qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. You can get these education benefits if you meet at least one of the requirements listed below. You might be eligible to receive up to 36 months of benefits.

At least one of these must be true. You:

- Served at least 90 days on active duty (either all at once or with breaks in service) on or after September 11, 2001, **or**
- Received a Purple Heart on or after September 11, 2001, and were honorably discharged after any amount of service, **or**
- Served for at least 30 continuous days (all at once, without a break in service) on or after September 11, 2001, and were honorably discharged with a service-connected disability, **or**
- Are a dependent child using benefits transferred by a qualifying Veteran or service member

Note: If you're a member of the Reserves who lost education benefits when the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) ended in November 2015, you may qualify to receive restored benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Do these benefits expire?

This depends on when you were discharged from active duty.

- **If your service ended before January 1, 2013**, your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits will expire 15 years after your last separation date from active service. You must use all of your benefits by that time or you will lose whatever is left.
- **If your service ended on or after January 1, 2013**, your benefits will not expire thanks to a new law called the Forever GI Bill - Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act.

Other GI Bill programs you may qualify for

- Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD)

If you served at least 2 years on active duty, find out if you qualify for benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty program.

- Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

If you are a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard, find out if you qualify for education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve program.

VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Chapter 31)

If you have a service-connected disability that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) program—also referred to as Chapter 31—can help.

You may be eligible for VR&E benefits and services if you're a Veteran, and you meet all of the requirements listed below.

- All of these must be true. You:
 - Didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, **and**
 - Have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from VA, **and**
 - Apply for VR&E services
- Basic period of eligibility - Your basic period of eligibility ends 12 years from the date you received notice of your: 1. Date of separation from active military service, or 2. First VA service-connected disability rating



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