

Kutztown University Office of Veterans Services Fast Facts VA Chapter 1606 MGIB for Selected Reserve Plus EAP and TA

VA Chapter 1606 General Overview

The Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) program offers up to 36 months of education and training benefits. If you're a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard, you may be eligible for this benefit.

Basic Eligibility Website:

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-selected-reserve/>

Application Process

- Student must complete VA Form 22-1990 online or manual application. Open application period, no deadline. The online application is processed faster.
 - Manual Application: <https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-22-1990/>
 - Online Application: <https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/1990/introduction>
 - Start your application without signing in if you do not have an online VA account
 - Print or take a screenshot of the confirmation page for future reference
- VA will process your application and reply by mail or email within 5 to 7 weeks.
- Students who are approved will receive a *Certificate of Eligibility* (COE) via mail or email.

Submit Required Forms to KU

1. Submit these forms to KU's VA School Certifying Official (see Contact section).
 - DD214, member 4 copy (Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty) – see *EAP section for instructions on how to obtain*
 - Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) – *obtain from your unit administrator*
 - VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) – *obtain from the VA after application is approved*
 - Your electronic KU Enrollment Certification form (see bullet #2)

Contact for more information:

Office of Veterans Services veterans@kutztown.edu

Send Forms To: VA School Certifying Official peffley@kutztown.edu

Kutztown University Office of Veterans Services Fast Facts VA Chapter 1606 MGIB for Selected Reserve Plus EAP and TA

2. Each semester the student plans to use military benefits, they must submit the electronic KU Veterans Services Enrollment Certification Form.
 - New Students complete form after they register for classes. Office of Veterans Services will provide instructions during Military & Veterans Orientation.
 - Returning Students complete form after they register for classes. An email reminder is sent to students.
 - Certification form should be submitted as early as possible. (No form submission=no benefit payment. Late form submission=late benefit payment).

Payment (VA and KU)

1. Rates: *Scroll to VA Chapter 1606 section*
https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp#ch1606
2. VA Chapter 1606 payment is made monthly during the months the student is enrolled. Maximum payment is made for Full Time enrollment (12 credits or more). Partial payments are made when classes are in session less than 30 days (i.e., Aug, Dec, Jan, May).
3. Kicker Payments are added to VA Chapter 1606 monthly payments.
4. Benefits may be suspended with unsatisfactory unit performance or poor academic progress.
5. Monthly enrollment verifications are required at the end of each month to keep receiving payments. You can verify your enrollment online through the VA Web Automated Verification system (called "WAVE"), <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>, or by phone by calling [877-823-2378](tel:877-823-2378).
6. The VA sends payment directly to the student. KU cannot provide a courtesy credit on the tuition bill for payments that are sent directly to the student.
7. VA payments do not start until the semester begins. The first payment is usually made 6-8 weeks after the start of the semester- tuition bill must be paid, and textbooks purchased before your payment arrives. View Financial Aid Options here, <https://www.kutztown.edu/affordability/guide-to-financial-aid.html>.

Contact for more information:

Office of Veterans Services veterans@kutztown.edu

Send Forms To: VA School Certifying Official peffley@kutztown.edu

Kutztown University Office of Veterans Services Fast Facts VA Chapter 1606 MGIB for Selected Reserve Plus EAP and TA

ADDITIONAL MILITARY-RELATED BENEFITS THAT MAY BE USED WITH VA CHAPTER 1606 BENEFITS (IF ELIGIBLE)

Educational Assistance Program

Website: <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/aid-for-military-national-guard/national-guard-eap.shtml>

*Go to black box on the right to create your EAP account. Do not use the sign in option at the top right of the page.

Apply: Complete the application on website, add the required information.

- Application window typically opens in March for the next academic year.
- Unit UIC
- Personal and School information
- Apply for Fall, Spring and *Summer semesters on the same application to reserve the funds (*summer classes aren't required, EAP won't pay if you don't enroll for summer)
 - If you already applied and didn't include all semesters on your initial application, you can log back into your EAP account and submit a change to your application.
- Add the total tuition plus tech fee costs for each semester.
 - Per semester costs for 2022-2023 is \$4,097 (\$3858 + 239)
- Upload your DD214, member 4 copy
 - Access a copy of your DD214 from your personal records, your IPERMS, <https://iperms.hrc.army.mil/login/>, or your unit administrator.

Deadline: The early deadline to submit all 2022-23 academic year applications is Thursday, June 30, 2022.

*Students who are unable to apply for EAP by the deadline due to military training/duty can apply before the final deadline, after they return from duty. Funding is subject to availability.

Payment (VA and KU):

- Payment is made directly to the school. KU can provide a temporary courtesy credit to your tuition bill and you will not have to pay this amount upfront.

Contact for more information:

Office of Veterans Services veterans@kutztown.edu

Send Forms To: VA School Certifying Official peffley@kutztown.edu

Kutztown University Office of Veterans Services Fast Facts VA Chapter 1606 MGIB for Selected Reserve Plus EAP and TA

Federal Tuition Assistance (TA)

Apply: Visit www.kutztown.edu/veterans > Applying for Tuition Assistance (TA) for current application guidance.

- Application window opens 60 days before the first day of the semester.
- Army TA Portal: Army Ignited
- Eligible: Active Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve
 - All other military branches and components must contact their Education Center for TA eligibility criteria and deadlines or visit www.kutztown.edu/veterans > Applying for Tuition Assistance (TA)

Deadline: The early deadline to submit all complete 2022-23 academic year TA applications is **Monday, August 15, 2022. Late applications will not be processed.**

*Changes made to TA applications will not be processed after deadline date.

Payment (VA and KU):

- \$250/credit up to \$4000 a fiscal year. Restricted to tuition only.
 - TA may conflict with some scholarships or financial aid that is also restricted to tuition. Contact KU Student Accounts Veterans Liaison, www.kutztown.edu/veterans > Veterans Liaisons in Key Offices, for details.
- Payment is made directly to the school. KU can provide a temporary courtesy credit to your tuition bill and you will not have to pay this amount upfront.
- Satisfactory grades required or student repays TA (Undergraduate: C or above | Graduate: B or above)

Contact for more information:

Office of Veterans Services veterans@kutztown.edu

Send Forms To: VA School Certifying Official peffley@kutztown.edu