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 are 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

Submit these forms to KU's VA School Certifying Official (see Contact section).

- Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) – *obtain from your Unit administrator. Your VA benefits may be denied if you do not obtain this form.*

- VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) – *obtain from the VA after application is approved*

- DD214, member 4 copy (Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty)

- Your electronic KU Enrollment Certification form

Contact for more information:
Office of Veterans Services   veterans@kutztown.edu
Send Forms To: VA School Certifying Official   peffley@kutztown.edu

Payment (VA and KU)

1. Stipend Amount: *Click on link. 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 when 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 academic progress.

5. After you receive your COE, monthly enrollment verifications are required to receive your stipend. Verify that you are still enrolled at the end of each month. Call: 877-823-2378 (Tip: Your VA Claim # is your SSN) or Online: VA Web Automated Verification system (called "WAVE"), https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do.

6. This is an 'at-home' benefit; the VA sends the stipend directly to the student. KU cannot provide a courtesy credit on the tuition bill for payments sent to the student.

7. VA payments do not start until the semester begins. The first payment is usually received 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.

> 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.

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Apply: The application window typically opens in March for the next academic year. Apply one time per year. Complete the application on website, add the required information.

- You must know your Unit UIC
- Add your Personal and School information
- Select Fall, Spring and *Summer semesters on the same application to reserve the funds *(summer classes are not required; if you do not enroll, EAP will not pay)
    - If you applied but did not include all semesters on your application, you can log back into your EAP account and submit a change to your application.

- Add **TUITION and TECH FEE**: Add the total cost for each semester.
    - For 2022-2023 - $4,097 per semester ($3858 + 239)
    - Add total credits for each semester – 12 or more credits (unless P/T)
- 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 your 2022-23 application is June 30, 20XX.

   *Students unable to apply for EAP by the deadline due to military training or duty can apply when they return, but it must be before the final deadline.

Payment (VA and KU):

- $4,097 per semester for 12 or more credits
- Payment is not restricted to tuition. Payment can be applied to non-tuition costs if tuition is already paid for.
- 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.

Army Tuition Assistance (TA)

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

- Application window opens 60 days before the first day of each semester.
- Army TA Portal: Army IgnitED 2.0
- Eligible: Active Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve

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- All other military branches and components should contact their Education Center for TA eligibility criteria and deadlines or visit www.kutztown.edu/veterans > Applying for Tuition Assistance (TA)

Deadline: Submit completed TA applications by date on KU TA's website. **Late applications will not be processed.**

Payment (VA and KU)

- $250/credit up to $4000 a fiscal year (Oct 1 – Sep 30).
- Restricted to pay tuition only.
  - TA may conflict with some scholarships or financial aid that is also restricted to tuition. Contact KU Student Accounts Veterans Liaison for assistance; www.kutztown.edu/veterans > Veterans Liaisons in Key Offices

- 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)

KU Enrollment Certification Form

Each semester the student plans to use military benefits, they must submit this electronic form. Submit as early as possible, AFTER you register for classes. Mark all benefits that you qualify for and intend to use on your form.

- *New Students* - complete after you register for classes. Follow instructions during Military and Veterans Orientation.
- *Returning Students* - complete form after you register for classes. Contact Veterans Services for instructions.
- No form submission=no benefit payment. Late form submission=late benefit payment.

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