

Military Advanced Education's Quick Guide to

DoD EDUCATION BENEFITS

POST-9/11 GI BILL

BASIC BENEFITS:

Full tuition for undergraduate schooling, based on highest rate of public school tuition in the state where the servicemember lives, for up to 36 months, plus a housing stipend and \$1,000 a year for books and supplies.

BASIC RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY:

Must serve at least 90 days to 36 months after 9/11 or be discharged with a service connected disability with at least 30 days of active duty service.

Must elect to participate at time of enlistment or during basic training.

MONTGOMERY BILL

BASIC BENEFITS:

Current flat-rate benefit of \$1,321 a month for up to 36 months, for a total of up to \$47,556. Users going to school part-time can receive partial benefits over a longer period, up to the total allotment.

BASIC RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY:

Must pay \$100 a month for 12 months.

Benefits available up to 10 years after release from active duty or last discharge, compared with 15 years for Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Available only to those on active duty prior to August 9, 2009.

Must elect to participate at time of enlistment or during basic training.

VETERANS' EDUCATION BENEFITS TIMELINE

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| 1944 | Servicemen's Readjustment Act, also known as the "GI Bill," for the benefit of World War II vets, signed into law. |
| 1952 | Veterans Adjustment Act, for the benefit of Korean War vets, signed into law. |
| 1956 | Original GI Bill ended. |
| 1966 | Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act, also known as the "Vietnam GI Bill," for the benefit of Vietnam War vets, signed into law. |
| 1986 | Montgomery Bill, which includes all active duty veterans, including the National Guard, became law. |
| 2006 | Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance Program, providing education benefits for spouses and dependents, established. |
| 2008 | Post-9/11 GI Bill signed into law. |
| 2009 | VA begins disbursing benefits for new GI bill. |

QUICK LINKS

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS www.gibill.va.gov

The most accurate, comprehensive source of information on rules related to Montgomery Bill, the new GI Bill and other education benefits.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES www.naicu.edu/special_initiatives/gibill

Provides an easy reference to college and universities participating in the Yellow Ribbon program, in which participants receive matching funds from the VA to make up the difference between their tuition and the in-state public tuition rate.

THE DoD EDUCATION GROUP DANTES www.dantes.doded.mil

Serves as a central resource for tests and exams such as the College Level Examination Program, through which students get credit for training and prior coursework.

SERVICEMEMBERS OPPORTUNITIES CONSORTIUM ACCREDITATION www.soc.aascu.org

A key attribute of schools to apply to or attend is membership in the SOC.