

Kutztown University Office of Military and Veterans Services Fast Facts VA Chapter 1606 MGIB for Selected Reserve, 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 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.
 - Have available: DD214 (military/veteran only); bank account and routing info.
 - Print or take a screenshot of the confirmation page for future reference.
- VA will process your application and reply by mail or email within 4 to 6 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).
 - Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) – *obtained from your Unit administrator. **Your VA benefits may be denied if you do not obtain this form. (Military Members only)***
 - DD214, member 4 copy (Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty) – *see **EAP section for instructions on how to obtain (Military/Veteran only)***
 - VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) – *obtain from the VA **after** application is approved.*
 - Your electronic KU Enrollment Certification form (see paragraph #2 in this section)

Contact for more information:

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2. KU Veterans Services Enrollment Certification Form – Each semester the student plans to use military benefits he/she must submit this form. Submit form **AFTER** you register for classes and as early as possible. 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.**

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](tel: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 before first payment arrives, and textbooks purchased before your payment arrives. View Financial Aid Options here, <https://www.kutztown.edu/affordability/guide-to-financial-aid.html>.

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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: 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)(winter classes do not apply)
 - 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 2024-2025 - \$4,250** per semester (estimated tuition + tech fee)
 - **Actual amount will be adjusted during billing
 - Add total credits for each semester – 12 or more credits (unless P/T)
- Upload your DD4 – Enlistment / Reenlistment Document
 - Access a copy of your DD4 from your personal records, your IPERMS, <https://iperms.hrc.army.mil/login/>, or your unit administrator.

Deadline: The early deadline to submit your 2024-2025 application is June 30th.

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

**All other students who missed the early deadline can still apply, however funds are not guaranteed.*

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Payment (VA and KU):

- View your EAP back after July 15th for adjusted payment amount 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 by other financial aid.
- 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 if:
 - Student's EAP account is showing as approved for upcoming semester (even if approved amount shows \$0.00),
 - Student's name is listed on approved PHEAA EAP roster.

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
 - 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)

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Note: if you are receiving VA benefits, you may also qualify for educational and career counseling (VA Chapter 36). Call the VA Education Center to see if you may qualify for this benefit.

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