

Veterans Services

Ch. 1606 – Montgomery GI Selected Reserve (MGIB – SR)

Eligibility:

- Must be a member of the Reserves or National Guard (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) AND:
 - o After June 30, 1985, signed a six-year obligation to serve in the Reserves/Guard AND
 - Completed Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) AND
 - Received a High School Diploma or GED (completed before IADT) AND
 - Good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve unit
- Your eligibility ends the day you leave the National Guard or Reserves
- You can be entitled to receive this benefits for up to 36 months of full-time schooling (about 4 years)
 - o If you're eligible for more than one VA benefit, you can receive a max of 48 months between the two programs.

Payment Rates:

- Full Time (12+ credits): \$369/month; ¾ Time (9-11 credits): \$276/month; ½ Time (6-8 credits): \$184/month; Less than ½ Time (1-5 credits): \$92.95/month
 - o Note: Months where you are not in school at least 28 days (January, May, August, December) the monthly benefit will be prorated for the number of days in class.

Steps to Set Up Ch. 1606:

- 1. Secure your "Notice of Basic Eligibility" (NOBE). You receive this form once you've completed Basic Training and AIT.
- 2. To apply visit vets.gov. Click on "Education Benefits" and then "Application Process". Click on the green button that says "Select Correct Form". There will be three short questions to answer then select the green button that says "Apply Now"
 - a. Have your DD214 and bank account information on hand; the application asks for service dates and direct deposit information in order to pay you.
- Once you have registered for the semester, you must notify Karla Frieler, the School Certifying Official at Century College. You do this by completing the "Century Military Deferment Form" online in myCentury. This lets Century know that you intend to use benefits and that we should certify your enrollment to the VA. Once this form is submitted, Century will defer your payment due date until the end of the term.

Steps to Receive Monthly Payments:

- 1. You must verify your attendance each month in order to continue receiving your monthly payments. You submit your verification at the end of the month to cover the month you just attended.
- 2. Submit verification online or by phone:
 - a. Online: Visit https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do
 - b. By Phone: Call 1-877-823-2378 and follow the instructions.
- 3. Each term that you wish to use your benefits you will need to notify the School Certifying Official (by completing the Century Military Deferment Form).