

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT OJT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

- The training content of the program must be adequate to qualify the trainee for appointment to the job for which he or she is being trained.
- There is reasonable certainty that the job for which the training is provided will be available to the trainee at the end of the training period.
- The job is one within which progression and appointment of the next higher classification are based upon skills learned through organized training on the job and not just on such factors as length of service and normal turnover.
- The wages to be paid the trainee during the training period are not less than those paid to non-veteran trainees in a similar training position. The wages paid to a trainee at the start of training must be at least 50 percent of the wages paid to a fully trained worker. There must be at least one increase in wages during the training period. Not later than the last full month of training, the wages must be at least 85 percent of the wages paid to a fully-trained employee. Immediately upon completion of training, the wage must be increased to the full amount of a trained worker's wage.
- The job customarily requires a period of training of not less than 6 months and not more than 2 years of full-time training (On-the-Job Training); for apprenticeships the length of time can exceed 2 years for training and payment purposes.
- The length of the training period is not longer than that customarily required by the establishment and other establishments in the community to provide trainees with the required skills, technical information and other facts which the trainee will need to learn in order to become competent on the job for which they are being trained.
- Provision is made for related instruction for the individual veteran or eligible person who may need it.
- The establishment must have adequate space, equipment, instructional material, and instructor personnel to provide satisfactory training on the job.
- Adequate records will be kept to show the progress made by the veteran or eligible person toward his or her job objective and will be made available to representatives of the Veterans Administration and/or the State Approving Agency at their request.
- Appropriate credit will be given the trainee for previous training or experience, whether obtained in the military service or elsewhere. The beginning wage must be adjusted to the level to which credit for prior training and experience advances the trainee, and the training period will be reduced proportionately.
- A signed copy of the training agreement for each veteran or eligible person, including the approved training program and wage scale, will be provided by the employer to the trainee, the VA Regional Office, and the State Approving Agency; the employer retains a copy for their files.
- Upon completion of the training, the trainee will be given a certificate by the employer indicating the length and type of training provided and that the trainee has completed the program of training satisfactorily.
- All records pertaining to the training program, including payroll records, **are to be kept for a period of three years after completion of the training;** and available to representatives of the Veterans Administration at their request.

Introduction – Veterans Educational Benefits

VA education benefits are authorized to veterans and qualified dependents under specific chapters of Title 38, US Code. Eligibility for benefits can only be determined by the US Department of Veterans Affairs except with individuals eligible for MGIB (Chapter 30), Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) or Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607), Department of Defense determines eligibility. Benefits can be received from only 1 VA educational chapter at a time, even if there is eligibility under multiple chapters. Before benefits can be received the program will need to be approved by the SD State Approving Agency which is part of the SD Division of Veterans Affairs. The following is a listing of the various chapters and their general eligibility requirements:

MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY (CHAPTER 30)

This educational entitlement provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans. You may use this education entitlement program for degree programs, certificate or correspondence courses, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and vocational flight training programs. Remedial, refresher and deficiency training are available under certain circumstances.

Eligibility Requirements

You may be an eligible veteran if you got an honorable discharge, and you have a High School Diploma or GED or, in some cases 12 hours of college credit, and you meet the requirements of one of the categories below:

Category I

- Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985
- Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for first 12 months
- Continuously served for 3 years, *OR* 2 years if that is what you first enlisted for, *OR* 2 years if you entered Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served 4 years ("2 by 4" Program)

Category II

- Entered active duty before January 1, 1977
- Served at least 1 day between 10/19/84 and 6/30/85, and stayed on active duty through 6/30/88, (or 6/30/87 if you entered Selected Reserve within 1 year of leaving active duty and served 4 years)
- On 12/31/89, you had entitlement left from Vietnam Era GI Bill

Category III

- Not eligible for *MGIB* under Category I or II
 - On active duty on 9/30/90 *AND* separated involuntarily after 2/2/91,
 - *OR* involuntarily separated on or after 11/30/93,
 - *OR* voluntarily separated under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) program
 - Before separation, you had military pay reduced by \$1200
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Category IV

- On active duty on 10/9/96 AND you had money remaining in a VEAP account on that date AND you elected MGIB by 10/9/97
- OR entered full-time National Guard duty under title 32, USC, between 7/1/85, and 11/28/89 AND you elected MGIB during the period 10/9/96, through 7/8/97
- Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for 12 months or made a \$1200 lump-sum contribution

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, length of your service, your category, and if DOD put extra money in your *MGIB* Fund (called "kickers"). You usually have 10 years to use your *MGIB* benefits, but the time limit can be less, in some cases, and longer under certain circumstances. **One example would be: If the veteran was ordered to active duty and served the full period to which activated, the veteran would have a new 10 years from the date of the last period of service as long as individual has entitlement remaining.**

MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY RATES

(CHAPTER 30)

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MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS WHOSE INITIAL OBLIGATED PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY IS MORE THAN THREE YEARS

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>FULL TIME</u>	<u>THREE QUARTER TIME</u>	<u>HALF-TIME</u>
INSTITUTIONAL	\$1034.00	\$775.50	\$517.00
LESS THAN HALF TIME	Tuition and Fees, not to exceed the rate of \$517.00 for less than half-time but more than one quarter-time and \$258.50 for one quarter-time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$1034.00 (Full-Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged at rate of one month for each \$1034.00 paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP/OJT	First 6 Months, \$878.90; second 6 months, \$672.10; Remainder of program, \$465.30		
FLIGHT	Entitlement charged at rate of one month for each \$1034.00 paid.		

MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS WHOSE INITIAL OBLIGATED PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY IS LESS THAN THREE YEARS

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>FULL-TIME</u>	<u>THREE QUARTER-TIME</u>	<u>HALF-TIME</u>
INSTITUTIONAL	\$840.00	\$630.00	\$420.00
LESS THAN HALF TIME	Tuition and Fees, not to exceed the rate of \$420.00 for less than half-time but more than one quarter-time and \$210.00 for one quarter-time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$840.00 (Full-Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged at rate of one month for each \$840.00 paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP/OJT	First 6 months, \$714.00; second 6 months, \$546.00; Remainder of Program, \$378.00.		
FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged at rate of one month for each \$840.00 paid.		

MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY/ROLL-OVER RATES
(CHAPTER 30 CATEGORY II)
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**INSTITUTIONAL RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING
 ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.**

TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FULL-TIME	\$1222.00	\$1258.00	\$1289.00	\$16.00
THREE-QUARTER TIME	\$917.00	\$943.50	\$967.00	\$12.00
HALF-TIME	\$611.00	\$629.00	\$644.50	\$8.50
LESS THAN HALF- TIME BUT MORE THAN ONE- QUARTER-TIME	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$611.00.			
ONE-QUARTER TIME	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$305.50.			
COOPERATIVE	\$1222.00	\$1258.00	\$1289.00	\$16.00
CORRESPONDENCE	55% of the approved charges			
FLIGHT	60% of the approved charges			

**ON-THE-JOB/APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING
 ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.**

TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FIRST 6 MONTHS	\$995.35	\$1009.38	\$1021.70	\$5.95
SECOND 6 MONTHS	\$738.73	\$749.78	\$758.88	\$4.55
THIRD 6 MONTHS	\$495.90	\$503.78	\$509.85	\$3.15
REMAINDER	\$480.60	\$488.03	\$494.78	\$3.15

**MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE
 (CHAPTER 1606)**

A member of the Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

Eligibility Requirements

Entitled to receive up to 36 months of education benefits. You may use this education entitlement program for degree programs, certificate or correspondence courses, cooperative training, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and vocational flight training programs.

Eligibility for this program is determined by the Selected Reserve components.

- Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985. If you are an officer, you must have agreed to serve six years in addition to your original obligation. For some types of training, it is necessary to have a six-year commitment that begins after September 30, 1990;
- Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT);
- Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT. You may not use 12 hours toward a college degree to meet this requirement;
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit, entitlement ends on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.
- If your Reserve or National Guard unit was deactivated during the period October 1, 1991 through September 30, 1995, or you were involuntarily separated (e.g., reduction in force) from Reserve or National Guard service during this same period, you will retain eligibility for MGIB - SR benefits for the full 14 year eligibility period.
- You will also retain MGIB - SR eligibility if you were discharged from Selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct.
- Your eligibility period may be extended if you are ordered to active duty.
- If your eligibility to this program began prior to October 1, 1992, your period of eligibility ends 10 years from your beginning date of eligibility, or on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.
- If your eligibility to this program began on or after October 1, 1992, your period of eligibility ends 14 years from your beginning date of eligibility, or on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE RATES

(CHAPTER 1606)

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<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>FULL-TIME</u>	<u>THREE QUARTER-TIME</u>	<u>HALF-TIME</u>	<u>LESS THAN HALF-TIME</u>
INSTITUTIONAL	\$297.00	\$222.00	\$147.00	\$74.25
COOPERATIVE	\$297.00 (Full-Time Only)			
CORRESPONDENCE	Paid at 55% of the approved charges for the course. Entitlement charged at rate of one month for each \$297.00 paid.			
APPRENTICESHIP/OJT	First 6 months	\$252.45		
	Second 6 months	\$193.05		
	Remainder of program	\$133.65		
FLIGHT	Paid at 60% of the approved charges for the course. Entitlement charged at rate of one month for each \$297.00 paid.			

RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REAP) (CHAPTER 1607)

Purpose of REAP (Chapter 1607) – REAP (Chapter 1607) provides educational assistance to members of the reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operations) as declared by the President or Congress.

Note: "Contingency operations" as defined in title 10 U.S. Code means "military operations that are designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations or hostilities against an enemy of the United States"

or against opposing military force; or results in the call or order to, or retention on active duty of members of the uniformed services under section 688, 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12305, or 12406 of 10 U.S.C., chapter 15 of 10 U.S.C., or any other provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress."

Educational Assistance Program Under REAP (Chapter 1607) – The Secretaries of each military service, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Homeland Security (for the Coast Guard) will establish this program to provide educational assistance to members of the Ready Reserve.

Eligibility – A member of a reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 under title 10 U.S. Code for a contingency operation and who serves at least 90 consecutive days or more is eligible for REAP (Chapter 1607). National Guard members also are eligible if their active duty is under section 502(f), title 32 U.S.C. and they serve for 90 consecutive days when authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for a national emergency and is supported by federal funds. Individuals are eligible as soon as they reach the 90-day point whether or not they are currently on active duty. DoD will fully identify contingency operations that qualify for benefits under REAP (Chapter 1607).

Disabled members who are injured or have an illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty and are released from active duty before completing 90 consecutive days are also eligible.

Note 1: The "reserve components" consist of Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

Note 2: A "member of a reserve component who serves on active duty" includes persons from the Selected Reserve and the IRR (Individual Ready Reserve). "Contingency operation" does not just mean the current Iraq or Afghanistan operations. DoD will advise VA as to what the authorized contingency operations are. The key issue is: Did a person serve in a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001? Call-up after that date is not necessarily a requirement.

Benefits Under REAP (Chapter 1607). The educational assistance allowance payable under REAP (Chapter 1607) is a percentage of the Chapter 30 3-year rate (Category 1B rate) based on the number of continuous days served on active duty. The full-time rate in the table below is the rate for full-time institutional training under REAP (Chapter 1607).

MEMBER SERVES	PERCENTAGE OF 3 YEAR RATE	FULL-TIME RATE FY2005
90 days but less than one year	40%	\$413.60
One year but less than two years	60%	\$620.40
Two years or more	80%	\$827.20

Reduced rates will apply for correspondence, flight, apprenticeship/OJT and licensing and certification training.

Note: Disabled members released before 90 days are eligible for the 40% rate.

Maximum Months of Assistance – The number of months of entitlement under REAP (Chapter 1607) is 36 months. A person could earn 36 months of entitlement after serving the minimum 90 days. The 48-month limitation when combining two or more education programs applies to REAP (Chapter 1607). The restoration of entitlement provision applies to members under REAP (Chapter 1607) who after they become eligible for REAP (Chapter 1607), have to discontinue their education and fail to receive credit for coursework due to call-up.

Programs – Approved educational programs under 1607 will include any educational programs approved under Chapter 30 of title 38 U.S.C.

Written Notification – The law requires DoD to provide members a written notice summarizing the provisions of REAP (Chapter 1607) upon release from active duty. DoD will provide details as to the type of written notice they will provide.

Bar to Dual Eligibility – A member may not use the same period of service to qualify for benefits under REAP (Chapter 1607) and Chapter 30 of 38 U.S.C. The member must make an irrevocable decision as to which program the service will be credited to.

Bar to Duplication of Educational Assistance Allowance – If a member is qualified for REAP (Chapter 1607), Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) of 10 U.S.C. or Chapters 30, 31, 32 or 35 under 38 U.S.C., or the Hostage Relief Act of 1980, he or she may not receive assistance under more than one program at one time. The member must elect through VA which program of assistance he or she wishes to receive.

Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) Kickers – The Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) kicker will be paid to a member who was otherwise entitled to a Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) kicker before call-up and will now receive benefits under REAP (Chapter 1607).

Duration of Entitlement to REAP (Chapter 1607) – In the case of a member called or ordered to active service while serving in the Selected Reserve, this person remains entitled under REAP (Chapter 1607) by continuing to serve in the Selected Reserve after being released from active duty. In the case of a member called or ordered to active service while serving in the Ready Reserve, this person remains entitled under REAP (Chapter 1607) by continuing to serve in the Ready Reserve after active duty. (The latter provision refers to individuals called up from the IRR. To continue to be eligible after their active duty, they must continue to serve in the IRR. However, they do not have to continue to serve in the Selected Reserve.)

Note: *There is no fixed delimiting period for persons eligible under REAP (Chapter 1607) as there is for all of the other VA education programs. There is one exception: If a member is separated from the Ready Reserve for disability which was not the result of the individual's own willful misconduct, the person is entitled to REAP (Chapter 1607) benefits for 10-years after the date of entitlement.*

Effective Date of Benefits – REAP (Chapter 1607) benefits may be paid before the date of enactment of the law. REAP (Chapter 1607) benefits are potentially payable from December 9, 2001 (90 days after September 11, 2001) for persons who were serving on a contingency operation on September 11, 2001 and who were in school on December 9, 2001. DoD may provide further guidance as to the retroactive nature of this program.

Termination of Assistance Under REAP (Chapter 1607) – Members receiving assistance under REAP (Chapter 1607) will have benefits terminated if they receive financial assistance under section 2107 (ROTC scholarship) of title 10 U.S.C. or when the person separates from the Ready Reserve. This is a permanent termination, but the member could be entitled to a resumption of benefits under REAP (Chapter 1607) at a later date due to a different qualifying period of service.

RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REAP) RATES

(CHAPTER 1607)

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005

INSTITUTIONAL

Training Time	Service of 90–364 Days	Service of 365–729 Days	Service of More Than 2 Years
Full-time	\$413.60	\$620.40	\$827.20
Three quarter-time	\$310.20	\$465.30	\$620.40
Half-time	\$206.80	\$310.20	\$413.60
Quarter-time**	\$206.80	\$310.20	\$413.60
Less than quarter-time**	\$103.40	\$155.10	\$206.80

** Tuition and Fees ONLY. Payment cannot exceed the listed amount.

CORRESPONDENCE *

40% Level	22% of the approved cost of course
60% Level	33% of the approved cost of course
80% Level	44% of the approved cost of course

FLIGHT *

40% Level	24% of the approved cost of course
60% Level	36% of the approved cost of course
80% Level	48% of the approved cost of course

Entitlement is charged based on the rate of one month for a benefit amount equal to the full-time institutional rate

APPRENTICESHIP/OJT

Training Time	Service of 90–364 Days	Service of 365–729 Days	Service of More Than 2 Years
First 6 months	\$351.56	\$527.34	\$703.12
Second 6 months	\$268.84	\$403.26	\$537.68
Remainder of program	\$186.12	\$279.18	\$372.24

(Rates are proportionally reduced if less than 120 hours is worked.)

COOPERATIVE

Training Time	Service of 90–364 Days	Service of 365–729 Days	Service of More Than 2 Years
Monthly Rates	\$413.60	\$620.40	\$827.20

VA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (CHAPTER 31)

Veterans and service members who served in the Armed Forces on or after September 16, 1940, are eligible for vocational rehabilitation if three conditions are met:

- (1) They suffered a service-connected disability or disabilities in active service which entitle them to at least 20 percent compensation or would do so but for receipt of military retirement pay. Veterans with a 10 percent disability also may be found eligible if they have a serious employment handicap.
- (2) They were discharged or released under other than dishonorable conditions or are hospitalized awaiting separation for disability.
- (3) VA determines that they need vocational rehabilitation consistent with their abilities, aptitudes and interests to overcome employment impairment. Their service-connected disabilities must materially contribute to this handicap.

Generally, the veteran must complete a rehabilitation program 12 years from the date VA notifies him or her of entitlement to compensation. This period may be deferred or extended if a medical condition prevented the veteran from training for a period or if the veteran has a serious employment handicap.

Disabled veterans may receive services until they have reached their rehabilitation goal, but the duration of a rehabilitation program generally may not exceed 48 months. VA may provide counseling, job placement and post-employment services for an additional period not to exceed 18 months.

A disabled veteran will be given an evaluation to establish entitlement. A disabled veteran may receive employment assistance, self-employment assistance, training in a rehabilitation facility, and college and other training. Severely disabled veterans may receive assistance to improve their ability to live independently.

VA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION RATES
(CHAPTER 31)
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005

MONTHLY RATE OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>NO DEPENDENTS</u>	<u>ONE DEPENDENT</u>	<u>TWO DEPENDENTS</u>	<u>EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT</u>
Institutional				
Full-time	\$488.50	\$605.95	\$714.05	\$52.06
Three quarter-time	\$367.05	\$455.12	\$533.86	\$40.03
Half-time	\$245.60	\$304.30	\$357.69	\$26.71
Farm cooperative/ Apprenticeship/OJT				
Full-time- <i>only</i>	\$427.11	\$516.50	\$595.26	\$38.72
Extended evaluation/ Independent living				
Full-time	\$488.50	\$605.95	\$714.05	\$52.06
Three quarter-time	\$367.05	\$455.12	\$533.86	\$40.03
Half-time	\$245.60	\$304.30	\$357.69	\$26.71
Quarter-time	\$122.79	\$152.15	\$178.84	\$13.32
Combination (Institutional & OJT) - Full Time Only				
Institutional greater - 1/2	\$488.50	\$605.95	\$714.05	\$52.06
OJT greater - 1/2	\$427.11	\$516.50	\$595.26	\$38.72
Non-Pay Work/ Federal Agency				
Full-time- <i>only</i>	\$488.50	\$605.95	\$714.05	\$52.06
Three Quarter-Time	\$367.05	\$455.12	\$533.86	\$40.03
Half-Time	\$245.60	\$304.30	\$357.69	\$26.71
Non-Farm Cooperative Full-Time Only				
Institutional	\$488.50	\$605.95	\$714.05	\$52.06
OJT	\$427.11	\$516.50	\$595.26	\$38.72

VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEAP) (CHAPTER 32)

Benefit entitlement is 1 to 36 months depending on the number of monthly contributions. You may use these benefits for degree, certificate, correspondence, apprenticeship/on-the-job training programs, and vocational flight training programs.

Eligibility Requirements

VEAP is available if you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Your contributions are matched on a \$2 for \$1 basis by the Government. You have 10 years from your release from active duty to use VEAP benefits. If there is entitlement not used after the 10-year period, your portion remaining in the fund will be automatically refunded.

To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- Entered service for the first time between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985;
- Opened a contribution account before April 1, 1987;
- Voluntarily contributed from \$25 to \$2700;
- Completed your first period of service; and
- Were discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

If you are currently on active duty and wish to receive VEAP benefits, you must have at least 3 months of contributions available. Contributions may be withdrawn if you do not meet the basic eligibility requirements or if you formally request a refund of the contributions withheld.

VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEAP) RATES (CHAPTER 32)

THERE ARE NO STANDARD MONETARY RATES FOR CHAPTER 32. THESE RATES ARE CALCULATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS

SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DEA) (CHAPTER 35)

Dependents' Educational Assistance provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. These benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. If you are a spouse, you may take a correspondence course. Remedial, deficiency, refresher, high school courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

Eligibility Requirements

You must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:

- A veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise out of active service in the Armed Forces
- A veteran who died from any cause while such service-connected disability was in existence
- A service member missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force
- A service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power

If you are a son or daughter and wish to receive benefits for attending school or job training, you must be between the ages of 18 and 26. In certain instances, it is possible to begin before age 18 and to continue after age 26. Marriage is not a bar to this benefit. If you are in the Armed Forces, you may not receive this benefit while on active duty. To pursue training after military service, your discharge must not be under dishonorable conditions. VA can extend your period of eligibility by the number of months and days equal to the time spent on active duty. This extension cannot generally go beyond your 31st birthday, there are some exceptions.

If you are a spouse, benefits end 10 years from the date VA finds you eligible or from the date of death of the veteran.

SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (DEA) PROGRAM RATES (CHAPTER 35) EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>FULL-TIME</u>	<u>THREE QUARTER-TIME</u>	<u>HALF-TIME</u>
INSTITUTIONAL	\$827.00	\$621.00	\$413.00
LESS THAN HALF-TIME	Tuition and fees, not to exceed the rate of \$413.00 for less than half-time but more than one quarter-time and \$206.75 for one quarter-time.		
FARM COOPERATIVE	\$667.00	\$500.00	\$334.00
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement charged at the rate of one month for each \$827.00 paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP/OJT	First 6 months	\$650.00	
	Second 6 months	\$507.00	
	Third 6 months	\$366.00	
	Remainder of Program	\$151.00	
FLIGHT	Not approved for this training.		

VA WORK STUDY PROGRAM

If you're a full-time or 3/4-time student in a college degree program, or a vocational or professional program, you can "earn while you learn" with a VA work-study allowance.

The VA work-study allowance is available to persons training under; Montgomery GI Bill--Active Duty (Chapter 30), Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31), VEAP (Chapter 32), Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35), Montgomery GI Bill--Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606), Reserve Educational Assistance Program -- REAP (Chapter 1607).

VA will select students for the work-study program based on different factors. Such factors include:

- Disability of the student
- Ability of the student to complete the work-study contract before the end of his or her eligibility to education benefits
- Job availability within normal commuting distance to the student
- VA will give the highest priority to a veteran who has a service-connected disability or disabilities rated by VA at 30% or more

The number of applicants selected will depend on the availability of VA-related work at your school or at VA facilities in your area.

You'll earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or your state minimum wage, whichever is greater. If you're in a work-study job at a college or university, your school may pay you the difference between the amount VA pays and the amount the school normally pays other work-study students doing the same job as you.

You may elect to be paid in advance for 40 percent of the number of hours in your work-study agreement, or for 50 hours, whichever is less. After you've completed the hours covered by your first payment, VA will pay you each time you complete 50 hours of service.

You may work during or between periods of enrollment. You can arrange with VA to work any number of hours you want during your enrollment. But, the total number of hours you work can't be more than 25 times the number of weeks in your enrollment period.

Services you perform under a VA work-study program must be related to VA work. Examples of acceptable work are:

- Processing VA paperwork at schools or VA offices
- Performing outreach services under the supervision of a VA employee
- Performing services at VA medical facilities or the offices of the National Cemetery Administration

The work you actually do will depend on your interests and the type of work available.

To obtain information on other sources of assistance, contact the financial aid office at your school.