

Montgomery G.I. Bill

Active Duty

Chapter 30

WHO QUALIFIES?

- Military service members who are active duty or after they have separated from active duty.
- Separated service members must have a fully honorable discharge.
- Qualifying Montgomery G.I. Bill – Active Duty (Chapter 30) eligible service members may relinquish their Chapter 30 benefits and elect for the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill (Chapter 33).*

*Remaining entitlement can either be converted directly from Ch. 30 to the Post 9/11 (Ch. 33) G.I. Bill benefit or the service member can exhaust all Ch. 30 benefits and receive an additional 12 months of Ch. 33 benefits.

Eligibility requirements are set by law and are complex. Service members may be eligible for more than one VA benefit. Please contact the unit Education Officer or the Department of Veterans Affairs, Education Benefits, at 1-888-442-4551, or visit benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_ad.asp to learn more about specific situations.

What Benefits Are Provided?

- Eligibility accrues at the rate of one month for each month on Active Duty service up to 36 months of entitlement.
- If service members are eligible for more than one VA education program, they may receive a maximum of 48 months of benefits.
- Monthly payment is based upon years of service and full- or part-time enrollment.

If and when the service member relinquishes Chapter 30 benefits and chooses to use the Post 9/11 (Chapter 33) benefit:

* Percentage of maximum benefit payable is determined by length of active-duty service, varying from 40 percent to 100 percent of benefits depending on aggregate service.

Pitt is a public institution and does not place a financial cap on benefits service members can receive.

The University of Pittsburgh is a **full participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program** with no numeric or financial limit to the number of students who may participate.

Pitt offers a Pitt Grant to out-of-state undergraduate students who are less than 100 percent eligible.

How Do I Apply?

- Visit gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application/.
- Complete **VA Form 22-1990**.
- Service members will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the Veterans Administration.

What's the Next Step?

Contact the Office of Veterans Services Outreach Coordinator for a pre-admissions appointment today! Call 412-624-6919 or e-mail veterans@pitt.edu.

For more information, visit veterans.pitt.edu.

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