



**How do I start my Veterans/Dependent Education Benefit?"**

Check off the boxes as you complete each item

Learn more about your Veterans Education Benefits at [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov) and selecting **Education & Training** or review and select the chapter listed on the second page titled **Summary of Veteran Education Benefits**.

Apply for Veterans/Dependent Education Benefits by going to <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov>

**New applicants:** Depending on the chapter you are using you'll need to complete one of these forms listed:

Chapter:	Form to complete
30, 33, and 1606 (Active Duty & Reserve)	22-1990
31 (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Vet Success Program- VR&E)	28-1900
33 Transfer of Entitlement	22-1990-E
35 (Survivor & Dependent Education Assistance)	22-5490

**Previously applied applicants:** Depending on the chapter you are using you'll would need to complete the form listed:

Chapter:	Form to complete
30, 33, and 1606	22-1995
31	Contact case manager
33 transfer of entitlement	22-1995
35	22-5495

\*Forms can be found by going to this link [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/handouts\\_forms.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/handouts_forms.asp) and selecting VA Education Forms. You can also ask Veterans Counselor or Veterans Resource Center staff for assistance.

**Important reminders when filling out the form:**

- List **Reedley College (995 N. Reed Avenue Reedley, CA 93654)** as school of attendance even if you are planning on attending Clovis Community College, Madera Center or Oakhurst Center
- Print a copy of your confirmation page and to submit to Veteran Resource Center office.
- If you are a recipient of Vocational Rehabilitation and Assistance/Chapter 31, contact your Case Manager for proof of eligibility (form 28-1905)

Education Information Form

Terms of Agreement

**Military Transcripts**

- Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard request online at <https://jst.doded.mil>
- Air Force request online at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp>

A copy of your **DD-214 member 4** (not applicable to Dependent/Survivor Education Assistance applicants)

A copy of your Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) which can be obtained from your unit (applies only to Selected Reserve/chapter 1606 applicants)

**Request official transcripts** to be sent to **Reedley College** from all colleges, trade schools, and universities you have attended. (Reedley College- Veteran Resource Center, 995 N. Reed Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654)

Complete a **Veteran Student Education Plan with a Counselor and review Enrollment Steps**. Contact the Counseling Office at your campus to make an appointment with:

- Reedley College, Veterans Counselor - Sue Vang (559) 638-0337
- Madera/Oakhurst Centers, Veterans Counselor - Gricelda Spear (559) 675-4800
- Clovis Community College, Veterans Counselor - Ralph Munoz (559) 325-5230

\*Make sure to bring unofficial transcripts from other colleges, trade schools, and universities so the counselor can review what you have taken in the past.

Follow-up Appointment Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## Summary of Veteran Education Benefits

**Chapter 30- Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty):** The MGIB program is available to veterans who served on active duty contributed \$1,200 to the MGIB during their first 12 months of active duty service. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following release from active duty.

**Chapter 31- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E):** Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment is for veterans who have a service-connected disability. To receive services, a veteran must be found both eligible and entitled after applying and meeting with a VR&E Case Manager.

**Chapter 33- Post 9/11:** The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. **\*Please, apply for financial aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and you can receive both.**

**Chapter 33 Transfer of Entitlement- Post 9/11:** The Post-9/11 GI Bill allows service members (officer or enlisted, Active Duty or Selected Reserve), on or after August 1, 2009, to transfer unused education benefits to immediate family members (spouse and children). The service member must have at least six years of service, and commit to an additional four years of service in order to transfer benefits to a spouse or child. Because of the potential impact of this benefit on recruiting and retention, transferability policy is determined by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the military services.

**Chapter 35- Survivor & Dependent Education Assistance:** DEA provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, or who died while on active duty or as a result of a service related condition. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits.

**Chapter 1606- Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve:** The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. 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.

**College Fee Waiver for Veterans' Dependents Program:** To be eligible student must be a dependent child, spouses or unmarried surviving spouses of a service - connected disabled or deceased veteran. Program waives tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, California State University, or University of California Campuses.

**Tuition Assistance** - Benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. It pays up to 100% for college tuition expenses of its members. Each service has its own criteria to be eligible.

### Veteran Education Benefits Important Contacts and Links

**Questions about your benefits and address change:** 1-888-442-4551 or [www.gibill2.va.gov](http://www.gibill2.va.gov)

**Monthly Enrollment Verification:** 1-877-823-2378 or <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave>

\*If you are using Chapters 30, 1606, or 1607; you are required to verify your enrollment with the VA on monthly basis. Do this no sooner than the last calendar day of each month.

**To Report a Change in your Enrollment:** 559-638-0312 ext. 3400 or email [rc.veterans@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:rc.veterans@reedleycollege.edu)

**Direct Deposit:** 1-877-838-2778

**Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment:** 1-800-827-1000

**Debt Management:** 1-800-827-0648

Follow-up Appointment date and time: \_\_\_\_\_