



## Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

*For Those Who Serve and Those Who Support*<sup>SM</sup>

### **EDUCATION AND TUITION ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup>**

This guide provides an example of a delivery method for education benefits and resources. The excerpt is from a Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) packet that was developed with YRRP to deliver information at the unit level. It provides an example of how information can be formatted for inclusion in unit newsletters, via websites, social media sites, and any other means you find valuable.

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<sup>1</sup> *Adapted from Texas USARC; Last Updated June 2014*

**Welcome Back Veterans:** This charitable organization provides all kinds of resources for veterans returning home. It pays special mind to those suffering from disabilities or mental conditions and helps them get back on their feet and back into civilian life.

[www.welcomebackveterans.org/](http://www.welcomebackveterans.org/)

## Educational Resources

Here you'll find help and assistance to get the education you need.

**Creating Futures:** CompTIA has created this educational program to help minorities and women as well as veterans gain training in the field of IT, allowing them to successfully pursue careers as entry level technicians.

<http://creatingfutures.us/>

### The Fund for Veterans'

**Education:** The Fund for Veterans' Education was established to provide scholarships to veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan or Iraq since September 11, 2001 and who are now enrolled in college or vocational-technical school.

[www.veteransfund.org/](http://www.veteransfund.org/)

**Veterans Corp:** You can get access to all kinds of free entrepreneurial workshops through this organization of business owning veterans.

[www.veteranscorp.org/education.aspx](http://www.veteranscorp.org/education.aspx)

### Educational Resources for

**Disabled Veterans:** Even those who have come back to civilian life with disabilities from their service can get educational resources. Check them out here. [www.dodvets.com/education.asp](http://www.dodvets.com/education.asp)

**Learn to Use Your G. I. Bill:** The G. I. Bill provides educational funding for active and retired members of the military. Find out how to get your share through this site. <http://education.military.com/money-for-school/gi-bill/learn-to-use-your-gi-bill>

**Scholarships for Veterans:** See if you can get any of these numerous scholarships for veterans and their families. <http://aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do/>

### College Credit for Military

**Experience:** Make your military experience go the distance by applying what you already know towards your college degree. This site can show you what you need to

do to get credit for your training. <http://education.military.com/timesaving-programs/college-credit-for-military-experience>

**Veterans Upward Bound:** This program is designed to increase the amount of educational opportunities that veterans have access to and to help them fully develop their personal potential. <http://navub.org/>

**Allied Schools:** This school provides specially designed programs for military and ex-military personnel. [www.education4military.com](http://www.education4military.com)

## Resumé points of interest

- Nearly 25% of resúmes contain at least one instance of the job applicant's credentials being misrepresented.
- Most frequently fabricated information includes the reason for leaving prior positions (67.8%), and the applicant's accomplishments (68.2%).
- 53% of all job applications contained inaccurate information.
- 44% lied about prior work experience, 41% lied about their education, and 23% falsified their credentials or licenses held.
- FBI claims that nearly 500,000 individuals in the United States falsely claim to hold college degrees.

Unemployment Rates of Iraq and Afghanistan-Era Veterans



\*Source: Bureau of Labor Statics Economic News Release April 2, 2010

## Current Types of GI Bill

Chapter 1606 - Chapter 1607 (REAP) - Chapter 30 AD - Chapter 33 (Post 9-11)

Ch. 1606, Ch. 1607 & Ch. 30 (excluding Ch. 33) can be used for any of the following:

Cooperative training    Correspondence training    Independent study programs    Flight training  
Tutorial assistance    Remedial/Refresher training    Certification testing\*    Apprenticeship/OJT  
**NOTE: \*Check DVA for qualifying programs**

### Ch 33 (Post 9-11 GI Bill)

**Qualifiers:**

Served on active duty on Title 10 orders or Title 32 Noble Eagle after 11 Sept 2001:

Served for an aggregate period ranging from 90 days to 36 months

OR for at least 30 continuous days and was discharged due to a service-connected disability.

Must attend school (at least one class) in person at the college itself for BAH Payment

**Transferring Benefits to Dependents:**

Done by the VA not your Unit Readiness NCO

Must have 4 years at the time of the transfer until your ETS date

You can extend at any time to meet that requirement

### CH 1606

Contract for 6 consecutive years

MUST be an actively drilling soldier (if ETS'ed, then extended for length of deployment plus 4 months)

Ends when you ETS

One year break in service terminates eligibility

### CH 1607

Activated on or after 11 September 2001

Mobilized for 90 days or more in support of a contingency operation, not to include OJS\*

Must have DD 214 from activation

It is possible for the 1607 to pay more than the post 9/11 GI Bill if you are going to school online. Please check before you apply

\*may be less than 90 days if due to illness or injury

<https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/benefits>

[www.gibill.va.gov/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/) 1-888-GIBILL1

NOBE Available on the site listed above (1606/1607)

Link is also used to apply for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill

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Getting an Education with the GI BILL

	Post-9/11 GI Bill	Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty	Montgomery GI Bill-Reserve	REAP
<b>Tuition and Fees*</b>	Paid directly to school. Not to exceed the highest in-state undergraduate tuition at public IHL.	Paid directly to recipient	Paid directly to recipient	Paid directly to recipient.
<b>BHA</b> (Based on ZIP Code of school)*	Paid monthly at the E-5 with dependents BAH rate. <i>Not payable for active duty recipients, those training at 1/2 time or</i>			
<b>Book Stipend*</b>	Yearly - up to \$1,000 - Paid proportionally each term based on enrollment and as listed in the table below. <i>Not payable to individuals on active duty.</i>	Not Payable		
<b>Rural</b>	One time - up to \$500	Not Payable		
<b>Time Limit to Use Benefits</b>	15 Years	10 Years	Eligibility normally ends once you leave the service	Can be eligible for 10 yrs after leaving.
<b>College Fund</b>	Applicable percentage added to Housing Allowance	Added to monthly rate		
<b>\$600 Buy-up</b>	Not Paid	Paid at applicable rate	Not Payable	Paid at applicable rate

Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits rates are tiered based on your time in active service since Sept. 11, 2001. The following table shows the tiers for active-duty personnel:

Active Duty Completed after September 10, 2001	% of Maximum Amount Payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
30 months to 36 months	90%
24 months to 30 months	80%
18 months to 24 months	70%
12 months to 18 months	60%
6 months to 12 months	50%
90 days to 6 months	40%

Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits rates are tiered based on your time in active service since Sept. 11, 2001. The following table shows the tiers for reserve and National Guard personnel:

Post-9/11 Service	% of Maximum Amount Payable
At least 36 cumulative months (including Entry Level or Skills Training)	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability (including Entry Level or Skills Training)	100%
At least 30 cumulative months (including Entry Level or Skills Training)	90%
At least 24 cumulative months (not including Entry Level or Skills Training)	80%
At least 18 cumulative months (not including Entry Level or Skills Training)	70%
At least 12 cumulative months (not including Entry Level or Skills Training)	60%
At least 6 cumulative months (not including Entry Level or Skills Training)	50%
90 aggregate days (not including Entry Level or Skills Training)	40%

# EDUCATION - TUITION ASSISTANCE

<https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/benefits>

### Eligibility Criteria:

Soldier must be an actively drilling M-Day soldier (AGR eligible for FTA only)

ETS Date must extend to course end date.

Must be in good academic standing.

Must be pursuing a degree or certificate program.

Have grades & degree plan on file with the Education Services Office.

## Federal Tuition Assistance

Provides payment for tuition and fees up to \$250 per credit hour not to exceed **\$4500 per FY**.

**The program pays for one degree at each level**

Associate Degree  
Bachelor Degree  
Master's or Professional Degree

**Certificate program may be covered**

Courses can be taken via classroom or distance learning.

## State Tuition Assistance

### Public School Rate:

Undergrad & Graduate flat rate up to **\$4500 per semester**

Covers up to 100% tuition and fees at the in-state rate

Include up to 12 credit hours per semester

### Private School Rate:

Undergraduate up to \$173 per credit hour.

Graduate up to \$200 per credit hour.

Additional \$100/credit hour for mandatory fees.

Graduate level includes **Master's only**.

Applies to institutions with headquarters located in the **State of Texas only. TEXAS STRONG!  
TEXAS PROUD!**

## The Hazlewood Act

<http://texas-veterans.com/education/hazlewood>

The Hazlewood Act provides qualified veterans, spouses, and children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition and fee exemptions at state supported colleges or universities.

### Who qualifies?

- Effective with the fall 2009 term/semester, in order to be eligible to receive a Hazlewood Act Exemption, a veteran must:
- Have been a Texas resident upon entry into the military, entered into active federal duty in the State of Texas, or declared Texas as his or her home of record at the time of entry into the armed forces as documented on his or her DD Form 214;
- Have a military discharge of honorable or general, under honorable conditions;
- Served at least 181 days of active duty service (excluding training);

*Not be in default on an education loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas and not in default on a federal loan if that default is the reason the student cannot use his or her federal veterans' benefits.*

## Current Extension Benefits

### Re-enlistment/Extension Bonus (REB)

**\$5,000 for 6 years**

**\$2,500 for 3 years**

**Tax Free for deployed Soldiers**

**Lump Sum**-paid at end of current contract

Must be MOSQ (No 09B)

Qualified to remain TXARNG

Must be deployed OCONUS on Title 10

### Eligibility

E1-E4: Under 8 years TIS at current ETS

E5: Under 11 years TIS at current ETS

E6-E7: Under 13 years TIS at current ETS

\* Soldiers within 90 days of ETS  
must extend NLT 30JUL 2010

### Student Loan Repayment program

**Up to \$50,000 over 6 years**

**Up to \$7,500 per year -**

*Annual payment can include interest as long as combined principal and interest do not exceed max amount*

Must be MOSQ (No 09B)

Qualified to remain TXARNG

Valid loan at contract signing

Paid once a year;

on anniversary of effective date

Complete DD 2475, every year.

Must be the first SLRP in SR you receive

Any break in service will Permanently  
terminate SLRP

Extension for less than 6 yrs will

Permanently terminate SLRP

Can sign consecutive SLRP contracts

Eligible after extending additional 6 yrs

(Can continue extending until Max dollar  
amount of payments is reached)

### Kicker

**\$200 per month**

Extend for 6 years

Must be receiving for the 1st time  
in order to qualify for the Kicker

E5 or below

Must be MOSQ (No 09B)

Qualified to remain TXARNG

Must qualify for any GI Bill program

### Do you qualify?

- Are you MOSQ (not 09B)
- Are you Deployed on Title 10?
- Within 12 months of ETS?

*Exceptions: education and promotion*

- Are you flagged?
- How close are you to age 60?

### Top 5 reasons to Re-enlist

- Economic uncertainty
- Money for school
- Medical/Dental Insurance
- Patriotism
- Additional Professional Development

### Common Reasons to not Re-enlist

- I miss my Family
- Tired of not making my own decisions
- There are no more bonuses
- I don't like my MOS

### Additional National Guard Educational Resources

<http://www.virtualarmory.com/>  
<http://www.pec.ngb.army.mil/>  
<http://www.txarng.com/HTML/educationoffice.html>

Contact your Unit and Battalion Admin and Retention NCOs for assistance first.  
Your Brigade Retention NCO is SSG Musgrove, [douglas.musgrove@us.army.mil](mailto:douglas.musgrove@us.army.mil)