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EDUCATION BENEFITS GUIDE

GI Bill and other education programs

Your education benefits can pay for college, vocational training, apprenticeships, and more. Here is how the main programs work and where to start.

POST-9/11 GI BILL

- **What it can pay:** tuition and fees, a monthly housing allowance, and a books and supplies stipend. It can also be used for some programs abroad.
- **Time limit:** none if you separated on or after January 1, 2013.
- **In-state tuition:** under Section 702 of the Veterans Choice Act, public schools must charge eligible Veterans in-state rates.
- **Yellow Ribbon Program:** participating schools can help cover costs above what the GI Bill pays. Search for Yellow Ribbon schools on VA.gov.
- **Transfer of entitlement:** eligible service-members can request to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to family members through milConnect.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL

- **Active Duty:** generally usable for 10 years from your release from your last period of active duty.
- **Selected Reserve:** for members of the Selected Reserve; eligibility generally ends when you leave it.

CHOOSING AND APPLYING

- Use the **GI Bill Comparison Tool** on VA.gov to compare schools and what your benefit covers.
- Apply online at VA.gov, and tell VA if you change schools or programs.
- You can use only one VA education benefit at a time.

WHILE YOU'RE SERVING

- **Tuition Assistance** pays for courses while you serve, and **Tuition Assistance Top-Up** can cover the rest using GI Bill benefits.

BEYOND THE GI BILL

- **Federal Student Aid,** including Pell Grants: 800-433-3243.
- **Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship** for eligible students in science, technology, engineering, and math.
- **On-the-job training and apprenticeships** can be paid with GI Bill benefits.
- **Family programs:** the Fry Scholarship and Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance.
- **Career support:** Personalized Career Planning and Guidance, and Veteran Readiness and Employment.

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Numbers to save

VA benefits	800-827-1000 (TTY: 711)
VA health care	877-222-8387
GI Bill	888-442-4551
VA home loans	877-827-3702
Life insurance (SGLI, VGLI, FSGLI)	800-419-1473
Vet Centers	877-927-8387
VA Solid Start	800-827-0611
Homeless Veterans call center	877-424-3838

In crisis? Veterans Crisis Line: dial 988, then press 1, or text 838255.

WHERE TO START

- **GI Bill hotline:** 888-442-4551 (outside the U.S.: +1-918-781-5678)
- **VA.gov** for eligibility, rates, and applications
- **Managing Your Education**, a free Transition Assistance Program workshop

Want one-on-one support? The SAVI Transition Incubator℠ serves service-members and Veterans from one year before to one year after separation. Join the list at savivets.org/veterans.