

# Veteran Education Benefits

## Alabama National Guard Education Assistance Program

ANGEAP is a program established by the legislature of the State of Alabama and is designed to provide financial assistance to active Alabama National Guard members in good standing who are enrolled in degree programs at accredited postsecondary institutions of higher learning located within the State of Alabama. Limited funding is provided by the Alabama Legislature and priority is given to those who apply early. Students applying for ANGEAP must have a current completed [FAFSA](#) on file at Marion Military Institute and must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. For more information about the ANGEAP, members should contact the unit administrator.

## Army Tuition Assistance (TA)

Tuition assistance (TA) is a Department of Defense (DOD) program. ArmyIgnitedED is the virtual gateway for all eligible Active Duty, National Guard, and Army Reserve soldiers to request tuition assistance (TA) online, anytime, anywhere, for classroom and distance learning. It allows soldiers to manage their education records, including college classes, testing, on-duty classes, and Army education counselor support. Soldiers may request TA through [www.armyignited.army.mil/student](http://www.armyignited.army.mil/student) prior to the course start date. Army Ignited will notify the soldier whether the TA is approved or not. If the TA request is not approved, ArmyIgnitedEd will advise the soldier of the reason and next steps. All drops/withdrawals must be handled through ArmyIgnitedED. Soldiers who do not successfully complete a class due to military reasons must request a Withdrawal for Military Reasons through Army Ignited and complete all required steps to ensure that they will not be charged. Students have until 14 days

from the start of the semester to input information into the ArmyIgnitedED system for TA approval. All TA must be approved prior to the start date of the course(s).

## Alabama GI Dependents Scholarship Program

This nationally renowned program was created by Act 633 and approved October 1947 by the Alabama Legislature. It is administered by the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs and is governed by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 31-6-1. A dependent is defined as a child, stepchild, spouse, or the unmarried widow(er) of the veteran. For more information on this scholarship and to apply, please go to the [Alabama GI Dependent's Scholarship](#) site.

## Chapter 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment (Disabled Veterans)

A veteran may be eligible for Veteran Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31) benefits if he or she:

- Received, or will receive, a discharge other than dishonorable conditions;
- Incurred or aggravated a service-connected disability which entitles him or her to VA disability compensation; and
- Is in need of Veteran Readiness and Employment because his or her disability creates an employment handicap.

Veteran Readiness and Employment may be provided for up to 48 months.

Entitlement for Veteran Readiness and Employment on services is determined on an individual basis. Each student is assigned a Veteran Readiness and Employment Specialist to assist Chapter 31 students, and school officials are responsible for certifying Chapter 31 students. Full tuition, fees, and books are paid to the school by the VA. In addition, the student gets a subsistence allowance depending on the training status.

## Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB) and Active Duty

The Montgomery GI Bill® (Active Duty), also known as Chapter 30, is an education benefit program for certain individuals that were honorably discharged. The participant must have served on active duty and meet additional conditions as determined by the VA. Marion Military Institute does not participate in advance pay.

## Chapter 33 Post 9/11

The Post 9/11 GI Bill® is an education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. The benefits are payable for training pursued on or after August 1, 2009. No payments can be made under this program for training pursued before that date. You may receive up to 36 months of entitlement under the Post 9/11 GI Bill®. Once you elect to receive benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill®, you will no longer be eligible to receive benefits under the program from which you elected before the Post 9/11 GI Bill®. A monthly housing allowance (MHA) based on the Basic Allowance for Housing for an E-5 with dependents at the location of the school (for BAH rates, please visit [the VA Benefit Resources](#)) is associated with this benefit. For those enrolled solely in distance learning, the housing allowance payable is equal to 1/2 the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents. (Active duty students and their spouses cannot receive the MHA.) An annual books stipend of up to \$1,000 is paid proportionately based on enrollment.

## Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserves (MGIB-SR)

This program provides up to 36 months of benefits for members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard who enlisted, re-enlisted, or extended their enlistment for a period of six years

after July 1, 1985. To find out more about eligibility requirements, please contact Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO) at 1-888-442-4551.

## Chapter 35 Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program

Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA), or Chapter 35, provides training and training opportunities to dependents of certain veterans to use for a college degree, certificate, apprenticeships, on-the-job training, and other programs. Individuals who first use DEA after August 1, 2018 may qualify for a maximum of 36 months of entitlement. Individuals who use DEA benefits to pay for school or training that started before August 1, 2018 may be able to get benefits for up to 45 months.

### Class Attendance of Veterans

Cadets receiving VA educational benefits is required to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. Students who are receiving VA educational benefits are required to attend 85% of all courses in that program. Once a student has missed more than 15% of a course in that program, it is required that an adjustment be made to the student's enrollment certification to the Department of Veterans Affairs to reflect unsatisfactory attendance for all courses that apply to the program.

### Withdrawals from Class by Veterans

Cadets receiving VA educational benefits may adjust their schedule during the drop/add period. After the drop/add period, cadets will have to notify the school's VA Certifying Official before they may be withdrawn from any course(s)

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