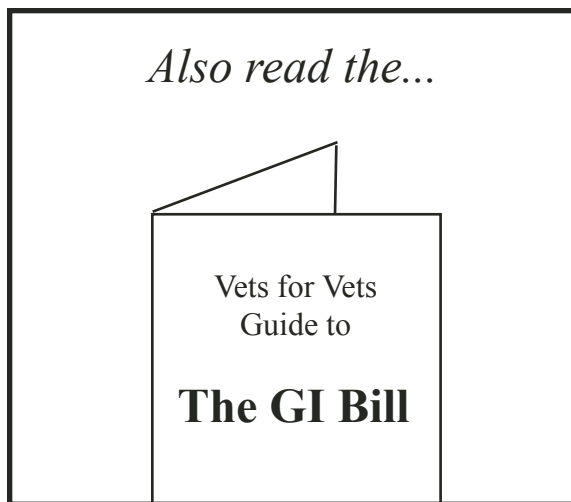


Chapter 1606 GI Bill

Chapter 1606 of the Montgomery GI Bill provides education assistance to reserve and Guard members regardless of service. Eligible members will receive a monthly check based on the credit load they carry. To apply, obtain a Notice of Basic Eligibility from your unit and contact Student Veteran Services, room 7207 at the 21 N. Park Street.



An informative brochure explaining important details of the GI Bill is available at Vets for Vets, 714 University Ave, Student Veteran Services or on the web at vets.studentorg.wisc.edu

Grants for Guards

The Wisconsin Tuition Grant reimburses undergraduate Guard members 100 percent of tuition but not fees. Army members may get fees covered under the Federal Tuition Assistance Program mentioned elsewhere in this brochure.

Apply using DMA Form 189 from your unit or visit dma.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=2409. For more information call 608-242-3159.

Information for activated Guard and reserve members

Chapter 1607 GI Bill

Activated Guard and reserve members can switch to Chapter 1607 GI Bill, which pays more. Those eligible for Chapter 1607 receive over \$440 per month if they served 90 days on active duty and \$660 per month if they served for a year.

If you stop drilling you may switch back to 1606 for a period equaling the length of your deployment plus four months.

State veterans benefits

Guard and reserve members who were activated for 90 days are eligible for state veterans benefits. However, if you are eligible for the Guard Grant or the Federal Tuition Assistance Program you cannot use the state VetEd program. See the *Vets for Vets Guide to Wisconsin Veterans Benefits* for more information.

Free tuition -- WI GI Bill

Reserve and Guard members who were Wisconsin residents when they were activated for 90 days are eligible for a full waiver of tuition and fees. This waiver applies to any UW or Wisconsin Technical College institution for up to 128 credits or eight full-time semesters.

There are no limits on income, graduate status or time since active duty.

Although this program is called "Wisconsin GI Bill," it has no connection with any federal GI Bill program and may be used at the same time.

See the *Vets for Vets Guide to Wisconsin Veterans Benefits* for more information.

Student Loan Repayment

The Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) for Army Reservists and some Army National Guard members will repay a portion of the balance of several types of student loans. You must check your (re)enlistment contract to see if you are eligible. Contact your unit's education officer to determine your eligibility.

The Air National Guard also has an SLRP, but individuals must be in a specific bonus AFSC to be eligible. The ANG may pay up to \$20,000 during the course of a member's career. Members must enlist or reenlist for 6 years and may receive up to 6 payments over the length of each student loan contract (1 payment/year). Loans do not have to be pre-existing at the time of enlistment.

The benefit is 15% of the original loan or \$500, whichever is largest, with a maximum payment of \$1,500 per year. It is paid annually for each year of satisfactory participation, up to \$10,000. The benefit will neither cover repayments already made, nor pay more than the amount you owe.

If you would like more information about student loans and how to start the application process, contact the Office of Student Financial Services at 432 N. Murray St.

VA Tutorial Assistance

Students receiving any form of GI Bill will be reimbursed up to \$100/mo for the cost of hiring a personal tutor. The tutoring must be for a class in which the student is currently enrolled and the tutor must be qualified in that subject. Contact Student Veteran Services for details.

Federal Tuition Assistance Program for Army reserve/ Guard

The Federal Tuition Assistance Program authorizes Army Guard and reserve members tuition assistance in the amount of \$250/credit up to a maximum of \$4,500 per fiscal year up to a Master's Degree. Undergraduates currently using the National Guard Tuition Grant may apply for FTA to cover fees.

Applications must be submitted on or before the first day of the classes.

Guard members apply at www.national-guardbenefits.com or call 608-242-3159

Reservists apply online within the virtual armory website under the Education tab's "online applications" or call 1-800-The-Army, extension 3081.

These rules change very frequently depending on availability of funds so check with your unit for updates.



NOTE:

Reserve and Guard members who were activated during the Gulf War, Bosnia, Afghanistan or Iraq are eligible for valuable Wisconsin veterans benefits including free tuition or tuition reimbursement, home loans, and school loans. Contact your County Veteran Service Office at 266-4158 for details.

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VA Education Inquiry **1-888-442-4551**
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INTRODUCTION

This brochure covers the various state and federal education benefits available to drilling reservists and Guard members attending the University of Wisconsin. These benefits include:

- GI Bill (Chapter 1606)
- GI Bill (Chapter 1607)
- VA Tutorial Assistance
- WI National Guard Grant
- Student Loan Repayment
- Federal Tuition Assistance
- Wisconsin GI Bill

Information on these programs may be obtained through your unit's Career Counselor, Education Officer, or through UW Student Veterans Services in room 7207 at 21 N. Park Street.