

# NEW JERSEY



## **Retention Pamphlet**

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# **NJ Air National Guard Free Tuition & Montgomery GI Bill Benefits**

New Jersey is one of the few states within our nation to provide free college credits to Guard members. All members of the NJ Air National Guard may receive up to 16 undergraduate or graduate college credits per semester, tuition FREE at any public college or university in New Jersey.

## **NJ Colleges and Universities**

Atlantic Cape Community College  
Bergen Community College  
Brookdale Community College  
Camden County College  
The College of New Jersey  
Essex County College  
Hudson County Community College  
Kean University  
Mercer County Community  
College Middlesex County  
College Montclair State University  
County College of Morris  
New Jersey City University New Jersey  
Institute of Technology  
Ocean County College  
Rutgers University  
Salem Community College  
Stockton University  
Sussex County Community College  
Thomas Edison State University  
Union County College  
Warren County Community College  
William Paterson University of NJ

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## Requirements to receive NJ Commander Certification/Waiver

Apply and become accepted to a NJ College/University

Complete FAFSA Application

- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Semester Class Schedule



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The GI Bill is an educational benefit for all unit members who qualify. You can use only 1 education benefit for a period of service. You'll have to choose which education benefit you'd like to use. Once you make this choice, you can't change your mind and use a different education benefit. The GI Bill lasts up to 36 months when enrolled as a student in a VA approved school. VA will certify you as full time, three quarters, part time or less than part time student and you will be paid **MONTHLY**.

## Montgomery GI Bill Selective Reserve: Chapter 1606

### College/University Rates

Full Time (12 Credits) .....	\$439
3/4 Time (9-11 Credits) .....	\$329
1/2 Time (6-8 Credits) .....	\$219
Less than 1/2 Time (Less than 6 Credits) .....	\$109.75

### Apprentice and OJT Rates for Civilian Positions

First 6 months of Training.....	\$329.25
Second 6 months of Training.....	\$241.45
Remaining pursuit of Training.....	\$153.65

**Apply Here:**

**<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-selected-reserve/>**

**GI Bill hotline**

**[888-442-4551](tel:888-442-4551)**

**Hours: Monday through Friday,  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET**

## **Montgomery GI Bill: KICKER**

This GI Bill is **ONLY** offered to qualified enlistees with special skills or entering a critical career field at the time of enlistment:

### **College/University Rate**

\$350

## **GI Bill Post- 9/11**

### **You may be eligible for Post 9/11 if you meet requirement below:**

- You served at least 90 days on active duty (either all at once or with breaks in service) on or after September 11, 2001, (3 Total Years = 100%)

### **How can I use my Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) benefits?**

You can use your GI Bill benefits in many ways to advance your education and training.

#### **Work toward a degree:**

- [Undergraduate and graduate degrees](#)
- [Tuition Assistance Top-Up](#)
- [Tutorial Assistance](#)

#### **Train for a specific career, trade, or industry:**

- [Vocational/technical training and non-college degree programs](#)
- [Veterans' technology education courses \(VET TEC\)](#)
- [On-the-job training and apprenticeships](#)
- [Entrepreneurship training](#)
- [Flight training](#)
- [Test fees](#)

#### **Work while you study:**

- [Co-op training](#)
- [Work study](#)

#### **Take classes from home:**

- [Correspondence training](#)
- [Independent and distance learning](#)

Apply Here:

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>

## **Transfer of GI Bill Post- 9/11 to Dependents**

**You may be eligible for Post 9/11 if you meet requirements below:**

- Have completed 10 years of military services
  - Complete Mil-Connect Account through AF Portal
  - Complete a 4-year military obligation from the time of submission
    - Complete Statement of Understanding (SOU)
  - Provide Retention Manager a Certificate of Eligibility from the VA or one of the items listed below.
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- Certificate of Eligibility from the VA
  - 214 with 90 days member 4 copy (prior to transfer date in milconnect)
  - Current Title 10 or Title 32 AGR orders or deployment orders (IADT, Training, Academy time, or ROTC are not eligible for initial transfer) – must not have reached end of orders
  - Letter of Eligibility from ARPC 90+days of qualifying service

## **WEAMS Reimbursement for NJ License/ Certification Exam**

### **Licenses and Certifications - WEAMS**

With this benefit, you can be reimbursed for over 50+ license or certification exams

<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Licenses</b>
Automotive	Medical RN
Plumbing / HVAC	Care Coordination
Financial Manager Management Accountant	Cosmetology
Medical Admin Assistant Clinical Medical	Real Estate

Explore website below:

<https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchLCCriteria.do>

## **Veteran Affairs (VA) Home Loan**

**You may be eligible for VA Home Loan if you meet requirements below:**

- Completed 90 days active duty during wartime.
- Completed 2 years of active military service
- Completed 6 years as an Air National Guard traditional member

**Apply here:**

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/>

