



Grayson County College

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Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty 2 years or Discharged (Chapter 30)

The MGIB program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. *Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty.*

CATEGORY I

- Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985
- Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for first 12 months
- Continuously served for 3 years, *OR* 2 years if that is what you first enlisted for, *OR* 2 years if you entered the Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served 4 years ("2 by 4" Program)

CATEGORY II

- Entered active duty before January 1, 1977
- Served at least 1 day between 10/19/84 and 6/30/85, and stayed on active duty through 6/30/88, (or 6/30/87 if you entered the Selected Reserve within 1 year of leaving active duty and served 4 years)
- On 12/31/89, you had entitlement left from Vietnam-Era GI Bill

CATEGORY III

- Not eligible for *MGIB* under Category I or II
- On active duty on 9/30/90 *AND* separated involuntarily after 2/2/91,
- *OR* involuntarily separated on or after 11/30/93,
- *OR* voluntarily separated under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) program
- Before separation, you had military pay reduced by \$1200

CATEGORY IV

- On active duty on 10/9/96 *AND* you had money remaining in a VEAP account on that date *AND* you elected MGIB by 10/9/97

- *OR* entered full-time National Guard duty under title 32, USC, between 7/1/85, and 11/28/89 *AND* you elected MGIB during the period 10/9/96, through 7/8/97
- Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for 12 months or made a \$1200 lump-sum contribution

Hazelwood Benefits

The Hazelwood Act allows honorably discharged veterans who have no remaining federal educational benefits, were residents of Texas at the time they entered military service and are now residents of Texas to attend college without paying tuition or laboratory fees, according to the Texas Education Code, Chapter 54, otherwise known as the Hazelwood Act.

These benefits are also available to the children of Texas National Guard members killed since Jan. 1, 1946, while on active duty either in the service of Texas or the United States, and to the children of Texas military personnel shown to be missing in action or prisoners of war, according to the act. For more information, contact Brenda Britt in the Financial Aid Office (903) 463-8783.

To qualify, the student must provide proof of an honorable discharge and proof of expiration of entitlement under any federal provision providing educational assistance. You may obtain this proof by calling the VA at 888/ 442-4551 and asking for a letter indicating ability to benefit for state of Texas Hazelwood benefits. Take this letter with the DD214 to Brenda Britt in the Financial Aid Office (903) 463-8783.

The student must also have resided in Texas for at least 12 months prior to registration date in college and not be eligible for any other federal financial aid.

TO APPLY:

You may make appointment for assistance from this office (see phone and email address above) or apply on line:

1. Complete the 22-1990 online by going to www.va.gov. Click on "Education Benefits" and then "Education Forms". You may apply online or print the 22-1990 from the website and mail to:
VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 888
Muskogee, OK 74402
2. Send a copy of your DD214, member 4 copy, to the VA Regional Office to expedite the adjudication process.
3. Bring a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility from the DVA to this office along with pages 3 and 4 of this packet, a copy of the member 4 DD214, any college transcripts, and your military transcript. Once enrolled, provide a copy of your class schedule and the VA will then be notified of your enrollment.

PROCEDURE FOR RE-CERTIFICATION

1. **IF** you are a returning student who received benefits last semester while at GCC, provide a copy of your class schedule to the VA office.
2. **IF** you received benefits while attending another institution, **then** you must go to www.va.gov and complete VA Form 22-1995 to change your place of training and provide a copy to this office (this form may also be completed in this office). You must also submit pages 3 and 4 of this packet to this office along with a Certificate of Eligibility from the DVA, copy of member 4 DD214, copies of transcript from all colleges previously attended, and copy of military transcript.

Use the following links to assist you in obtaining a copy of your military transcript:

Community College of the Air Force:

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp>

Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART)

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/education/smart.cfm>

Army, Army National Guard, and US Army Reserve

<http://aarts.army.mil/>



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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CHAPTERS 30, 1606 AND 1607

Please read each statement and initial on the line at the end of each. Sign and date the last page. Also, sign and date the Release of Information allowing this office to communicate with the Veterans Administration.

YOU MUST:

- 1) be prepared to pay your tuition and fees “up front”. GCC **DOES NOT HAVE** advanced pay ____
- 2) adhere to a GCC degree plan. Courses taken that are not on the degree plan will not be certified and you will not receive payment for them. You can pick up a copy of your degree plan at the Office of Veteran Affairs or through Campus Connect once your program is established. ____
- 3) maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to maintain satisfactory progress. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress may result in the suspension of your benefits. ____
- 4) have documentation of “need” of a developmental course in order to receive payment for remedial courses. Entrance tests such as THEA, COMPASS and ASSET are acceptable. ____
- 5) provide copies of all **transcripts** if you have attended any another institution(s). Your transcript will be evaluated and credit will be awarded, where applicable. ____
- 6) provide a copy of your **military transcript**. It will be evaluated and credit will be awarded, where applicable. ____
- 7) provide a copy of your **DD214**. ____
- 8) provide a copy of your schedule **each time you enroll** in a class in order for your benefits to be certified. This may be done in person or via email. ____
- 9) notify the Office of Veterans Affairs of any change in enrollment. This may be done in person or by email at metcalfj@grayson.edu. This office will notify the VA of any changes in status caused by an increase or decrease in training time. ____
- 10) **submit verification of enrollment with the VA no sooner than the last day of each month that you are in school. This may be done through the WAVE internet application on the VA web site (<https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave>) or by calling 1-877-823-2378.** ____

BE AWARE THAT:

- 1) Individuals receiving educational benefits for the first time will not receive payment for 6-8 weeks from certification. Typically, August and September checks are received in October and January/February checks are received in March. ____
- 2) Individuals who are returning from the previous semester will receive payment within 4-6 weeks from certification. Educational benefits are issued after the student has verified enrollment with VARO in Muskogee, OK on the last day of each month by either calling or via the website (see #10 above). ____
- 3) Any course previously taken and passed with a "D" will not be certified for payment. Unless it is stated in the catalog that a "D" does not meet the requirements of the degree plan that you have declared. ____
- 4) Monies received from the GIBILL are used in calculating eligibility for financial aid and may, therefore, preclude receipt of a loan or decrease the amount received. This information is reported to the Office of Financial Aid at the beginning of each term. ____
- 5) You will be financially responsible for any overpayments that may occur as a result of a change in enrollment (dropping a class or withdrawing from school). Overpayments are retroactive to be beginning of the semester. ____
- 6) You do not have to pay back the VA if you fail a course. The VA will allow you to retake the class and count it toward your eligibility. ____

**PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT
AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS**

I, _____, hereby authorize the Grayson County College office of Veteran's Affairs to release the following information to the Veterans Administration.

INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, V.A. FILE NUMBER, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, ALL MILITARY DISCHARGE DATA, MARITAL AND DEPENDENT STATUS, SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY DATA, PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL TRAINING RECEIVED, PREVIOUS USE OF THE G.I. BILL, MEANS WHEREBY STUDENT WAS RECRUITED INTO THE COLLEGE, EMPLOYMENT STATUS, ENROLLMENT DATA, PROGRAM COMPLETION/GRADUATION DATA, COLLEGE MAJOR, GRADES AND ATTENDANCE PROGRESS.

REASON(S) FOR RELEASE: to receive G.I. Bill educational assistance and or benefits.

SIGNATURE

DATE