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Department of Veterans Affairs

APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

(See attached Information and Instructions)

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PART I - APPLICANT AND BENEFIT INFORMATION

(All Applicants Must Complete This Part)

1A. NAME OF APPLICANT *(First, Middle, Last)*

VA DATE STAMP
(Do Not Write In This Space)

1B. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF APPLICANT

1C. VA FILE NUMBER *(If previously assigned)*

2A. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS *(Complete street address, city, state, and 9 digit ZIP Code)*

2B. SEX OF APPLICANT

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

2C. APPLICANT'S DATE OF BIRTH

2D. APPLICANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

3. APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER *(Include Area Code)*

A. DAY

B. NIGHT

4. DESCRIPTION OF VA EDUCATION PROGRAMS *(Check (✔) the box next to each benefit you wish to apply for)*

A. MONTGOMERY GI BILL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (title 38, U. S. C., chapter 30). If you served or are currently serving on active duty, you may be eligible to receive this benefit. Check the box to the right if you:

- entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985, **OR**
- were eligible to receive Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance (title 38, U.S.C. chapter 34) benefits on December 31, 1989, **OR**
- were discharged under one of the qualifying separation programs shown in the instructions, **OR**
- were a participant under the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance program commonly referred to as VEAP (title 38, U.S.C., chapter 32) and elected this benefit during one of the open window periods shown in the instructions.

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B. MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (title 10, U. S. C., chapter 1606). This benefit is based on Selected Reserve service (Reserve or National Guard). Check the box to the right if you had at least a six-year reserve obligation after June 30, 1985.

(NOTE: Department of Defense (DoD) determines eligibility for this program.)

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C. RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (title 10, U.S.C., chapter 1607). This benefit is for a reservist called to active duty to support contingency operations. Check the box to the right if you were called to active duty to support contingency or other specific operations.

(NOTE: Department of Defense (DoD) determines eligibility for this program)

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D. POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM commonly referred to as VEAP, (title 38, U.S.C., chapter 32, or section 903 of Public Law 96-342). Check the box to the right if you:

- served on active duty at any time from January 1, 1977 through June 30, 1985, **AND**
- either contributed funds or had your service branch make contributions for you.

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E. NATIONAL CALL TO SERVICE PROGRAM (title 10, U.S.C., chapter 31, section 510). Check the box to the right if you:

- entered on or after October 1,2003, under the National Call to Service program, **AND**
- selected one of the education incentives provided by that program

Check this box to the right only if you've selected one of the two Educational Allowance Incentive options.

(If you checked this box, be sure to complete Part IV)

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F. THE "TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT" PROGRAM (title 38, U.S.C., chapter 30, section 3020). Check the box to the right if you:

- are a spouse or child of a person who qualified for the Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 30), **AND**
- believe that your parent or spouse transferred entitlement to you

(If you checked this box, be sure to complete Part V)

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5. DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Please send a voided personal check or provide the following information.
Direct Deposit is not available for the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 32)

A. TYPE OF ACCOUNT

☐ CHECKING ☐ SAVINGS ☐ I DO NOT HAVE AN ACCOUNT

B. NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	C. 9 DIGIT ROUTING OR TRANSIT NUMBER	D. ACCOUNT NUMBER

6. TYPE OF VA EDUCATION BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR? *(Check all applicable boxes)*

☐ A. VETERAN'S EDUCATION BENEFITS (Any of the VA benefits shown in Item 4) (Specify benefit) _____

☐ B. PREVIOUS VETERAN'S EDUCATION BENEFITS (Specify benefit) _____

☐ C. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS (Chapter 31)

☐ D. DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS (Chapter 35) (Complete Items 7A and 7B)

☐ E. OTHER (Specify benefit) _____

☐ F. NONE

NOTE - COMPLETE ITEMS 7A AND 7B ONLY IF YOU CHECKED ITEM 6D

7A. NAME OF PARENT/SPOUSE *(See Instructions)*	7B. FILE NUMBER OF PARENT/SPOUSE *(See Instructions)*

8. HAVE YOU RECEIVED AN INFORMATION PAMPHLET EXPLAINING THE EDUCATION BENEFIT OR BENEFITS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR? (See Instructions)

☐ YES ☐ NO

9. PROGRAM OF EDUCATION OR TRAINING

A. DO YOU KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL OR CAREER GOAL? *(If you know this goal, please specify. If you do not know your goal, check "No" then skip to Item 9C.)*

☐ YES ☐ NO

B. HAVE YOU SELECTED A SPECIFIC PROGRAM OF EDUCATION?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If "Yes," list below each diploma, vocational course, job training program, or test you need to reach your educational or career goal that you indicated in Item 9A). If you have not selected a program, leave this item blank.)

C. EDUCATION OR TRAINING WILL BE BY (Check more than one if necessary)

☐ COLLEGE OR OTHER SCHOOL ☐ CORRESPONDENCE COURSE ☐ TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP

☐ I SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR A LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION TEST ☐ APPRENTICESHIP OR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

☐ NATIONAL ADMISSIONS EXAMS OR NATIONAL EXAMS FOR CREDIT ☐ VOCATIONAL FLIGHT TRAINING

D. HAVE YOU SELECTED YOUR SCHOOL OR TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT?	Complete Name and Address of School (Complete street address, city, state and 9 digit ZIP Code)
☐ YES ☐ NO (If you have selected a school, check "Yes," and specify its complete name and mailing address. If you have not selected a school, check "no.") If you are applying for reimbursement of test fees, don't answer this question. Skip to Item 10.)	
E. DO YOU KNOW THE DATE YOU WILL BEGIN YOUR SCHOOLING OR TRAINING? ☐ YES ☐ NO (If you do know this date, check "Yes." Specify this date. If you do not know this date check "no.")	Date (Month, Year) of anticipated beginning school or training
F. DO YOU PLAN TO REPEAT ANY COURSE FOR WHICH YOU RECEIVED CREDIT? ☐ YES ☐ NO (If "Yes," write in Item 9G the name of the course, when you originally took this course, and why you plan to repeat it.)	G. Information about repeated course

NOTE - COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU ARE A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

If you are on active military duty, skip question 10.

10. DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM YOUR AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT FOR THE SAME COURSE(S) FOR WHICH YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE VA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE? ☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," show the source of these funds)*	Source of educational assistance from government employment:

NOTE - COMPLETE ITEM 11 ONLY IF YOU ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY

11. ARE YOU RECEIVING, OR DO YOU ANTICIPATE RECEIVING, ANY MONEY*(Including but not limited to Federal Tuition Assistance)* FROM THE ARMED FORCES OR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE COURSE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED TO VA FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS? IF YOU WILL RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS, CHECK "YES" AND GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS INCLUDING THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS. NOTE: IF YOU ARE ONLY APPLYING FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP, CHECK "NO" ☐ YES ☐ NO	Details of educational assistance from the military:

12. EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

A. DID YOU GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL? *(If "Yes," write the date you graduated next to "Yes," and skip to Item 12c. If "No," complete Item 12B)* ☐ YES Date _____ ☐ NO	B. IF YOU DID NOT GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, DO YOU HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE?(*If "Yes," write the date you completed the requirements for this certificate in the space provided. If "No," go to Item 12c)* ☐ YES Date _____ ☐ NO

C. EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL (INCLUDE ALL APPRENTICESHIP, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, AND FLIGHT TRAINING) *(See Instructions)*

NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR OTHER TRAINING PROVIDER *(Include City and State)*	DATES OF TRAINING		NUMBER OF SEMESTER, QUARTER OR CLOCK HOURS COMPLETED	DEGREE, DIPLOMA, OR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED	MAJOR FIELD OR COURSE OF STUDY
	FROM	TO			

D. DO YOU HOLD ANY FAA FLIGHT CERTIFICATES? *(If "Yes," list each certificate)* ☐ YES ☐ NO	

	EMPLOYMENT *(Complete ONLY if you served in the military)*		
EMPLOYMENT	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF MONTHS IN THAT OCCUPATION	LICENSE OR RATING
E. Before Entering Military Service			
F. After Leaving Military Service			

PART II - SERVICE INFORMATION *(All applicants must complete this part)*

13. ACTIVE DUTY INFORMATION

A. ARE YOU NOW ON ACTIVE DUTY OR FULL-TIME NATIONAL GUARD DUTY? (Send us a copy of your orders, if authority for full-time National Guard duty is title 32, U.S.C.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

B. ARE YOU NOW ON TERMINAL LEAVE BEFORE DISCHARGE? (If yes, please provide the date you began your terminal leave)

☐ YES ☐ NO

Date leave began: _____ Date of expected discharge: _____

14. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PERIODS OF ACTIVE DUTY

Please complete Items 14A through 14f for each period of your active duty. It will help VA process your claim if you send a copy of your DD214 (copy 4) for *each period* of active service. (Don't report any Active Duty for Training)

A. DATE ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY	B. DATE SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE DUTY	C. BRANCH OF SERVICE OR RESERVE OR GUARD COMPONENT	D. CHARACTER OF DISCHARGE	E. WERE YOU INVOLUNTARILY CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR THIS PERIOD? (If "Yes," send copies of your orders)		F. IF THIS ACTIVE DUTY IS NATIONAL GUARD DUTY, INDICATE IF AUTHORITY IS TITLE 10 (Federal) OR TITLE 32 (State). (Send copies of any orders)
				☐ YES	☐ NO	
				☐ YES	☐ NO	
				☐ YES	☐ NO	
				☐ YES	☐ NO	
				☐ YES	☐ NO	

You should specify in Item 22, Remarks, any periods of active duty which reflect:

- Full time assignment by a service department to a civilian school for a course of education substantially the same as established courses for civilians;
- Attendance at a service academy; or
- Non-creditable time - (Time lost because of industrial or agricultural furlough, arrest without acquittal, being AWOL, desertion, sentence of court-martial, etc.)

15. DO YOU ALSO HAVE ANY PERIODS OF RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD SERVICE THAT ARE NOT ACTIVE DUTY?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If "Yes," complete information about this service in Item 16. If "No," skip to Item 17)

16. PERIODS OF RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD SERVICE (NOT ACTIVE DUTY)

A. ARE YOU NOW IN THE RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD?

☐ YES ☐ NO

INFORMATION TO COMPLETE ITEM 16E:

- Place "SR" in Item 16E for each period of reserve service if you were in the Selected Reserve (drilling status).
- Place "IRR" in Item 16E for each period of reserve service if you were in the Individual Ready Reserve.
- Place "IMA" in Item 16E for each period of reserve service if your were in the Individual Mobilization Augmentation.

B. DATE ENTERED RESERVE OR GUARD	C. DATE SEPARATED FROM RESERVE OR GUARD (If applicable)	D. RESERVE OR GUARD COMPONENT	E. RESERVE STATUS (See abbreviations above)

F. DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A "KICKER" BASED ON YOUR RESERVE ENLISTMENT? ("Kickers" are amounts contributed by DoD to an education fund on behalf of individuals to encourage enlistment or retention in the Reserve or National Guard forces, usually in specialized areas.) **(IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A RESERVE "KICKER," CHECK "YES." IT MAY HELP IF YOU SEND VA A COPY OF THE "KICKER" CONTRACT)**

☐ YES ☐ NO

G. COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR CHAPTER 1606 (you checked Item 4B). IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN A SENIOR ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DOES THAT PROGRAM PAY FOR YOUR TUITION, FEES, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 2107? (Do not include monthly subsistence allowance)

☐ YES ☐ NO

PART III - MONTGOMERY GI BILL QUESTIONS

(Complete this part only if you are applying for chapter 30 benefits)

QUESTIONS	YES (✓)	NO (✓)
17A. DID YOU MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY (Sometimes referred to as "Buy-up") TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONTHLY MGIB BENEFITS PAYABLE? (If you made any additional contributions, check "Yes."	☐	☐
17B. IF YOU SERVED A PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF REPAYING AN EDUCATION LOAN, PLEASE SHOW THE DATES OF THAT PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY: From _____ To _____	☐	☐
17C. DO YOU HAVE A DoD CONTRACT TO RECEIVE A "KICKER"? (Some military services call this the "college fund." "Kickers" are amounts contributed by DoD to an education fund on behalf of individuals to encourage enlistment or retention in the Armed forces, usually in specialized areas. If you qualify for a "kicker", check "Yes." It may help to send us a copy of your kicker contract.	☐	☐
COMMISSIONED OFFICER QUESTIONS 18A. DID YOU GRADUATE FROM A MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY (e.g., West Point, Naval Academy, etc.)? (If "Yes," specify the month and year you graduated and received your commission) Graduation month and year: _____	☐	☐
18B. WERE YOU COMMISSIONED AS THE RESULT OF PARTICIPATING IN A SENIOR ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM? (If "Yes," show the date of your commission and the amount of your scholarship for each school year you were in the Senior ROTC program. Don't report your monthly subsistence allowance. If you received your commission through a Senior ROTC (non-scholarship) program, check "No.") Commission date: _____ Scholarship Amounts: Year: _____ Amount: _____ Year: _____ Amount: _____ Year: _____ Amount: _____ Year: _____ Amount: _____ Year: _____ Amount: _____	☐	☐

MARITAL AND DEPENDENCY STATUS

NOTE: COMPLETE THIS ITEM ONLY IF YOU CHECKED ITEM 4A AND HAVE MILITARY SERVICE **BEFORE** JANUARY 1, 1977 (or delayed entry **before** January 2, 1978). See Instructions.

QUESTIONS	YES	NO
19A. ARE YOU CURRENTLY MARRIED?	☐	☐
19B. DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN WHO ARE:		
(1) UNDER AGE 18? **OR**	☐	☐
(2) OVER 18 BUT UNDER AGE 23, NOT MARRIED AND ATTENDING SCHOOL? **OR**	☐	☐
(3) OF ANY AGE AND PERMANENTLY INCAPABLE OF SELF-SUPPORT DUE TO MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY?	☐	☐
19C. IS EITHER YOUR FATHER OR MOTHER DEPENDENT UPON YOU FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT?	☐	☐

PART IV - NATIONAL CALL TO SERVICE QUESTIONS

(Complete this part only if you are applying for this benefit)

20A. DID YOU SIGN AN ENLISTMENT CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR THE NATIONAL CALL TO SERVICE PROGRAM?

☐ YES ☐ NO

20B. DID YOU RECEIVE AN EDUCATION ASSISTANCE INCENTIVE OPTION? (If "Yes," check the block in Item 20C that identifies the option you received)

☐ YES ☐ NO

20C. WHICH VA EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE INCENTIVE OPTION DID YOU ELECT? (Check only one block below)

☐ EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE OF UP TO 12 MONTHS OF MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS (3-year rate)

☐ EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE OF UP TO 36 MONTHS OF MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS (1/2 the 2-year rate)

NOTE: National Call to Service applicants must furnish VA a copy of DD Form 2863 (National Call to Service Election of Options). This form is needed to document your eligibility and to confirm your incentive option.

PART V - TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT QUESTIONS

(Complete this part only if you are applying for this benefit)

NOTE: This benefit requires (1) that the veteran's branch of military service authorized the veteran to transfer MGIB entitlement to his or her dependents, and (2) the veteran, in writing, transferred his or her current education benefits to you (specifying you by name).

IMPORTANT: Only a spouse, surviving spouse, or child of a veteran who has transferred entitlement should complete this information.

21A. WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER WHO TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT TO YOU?

☐ SPOUSE ☐ SURVIVING SPOUSE ☐ CHILD

IMPORTANT: If you checked your relationship as a spouse or child, have the veteran complete and send us VA Form 21-686c. See Instructions.

21B. VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last)	21C. VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER'S SEX ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

21D. ADDRESS OF VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER WHO TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT TO YOU

21E. VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER'S DATE OF BIRTH	21F. VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

EMPLOYMENT (IF NO MILITARY SERVICE)

EMPLOYMENT	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF MONTHS IN THAT OCCUPATION	LICENSE OR RATING
21G. JOB 1 (Since leaving high school)			
21H. JOB 2 (Since leaving high school)			

22. REMARKS (Use this space to provide information that does not fit elsewhere on this form or that will help VA process your claim. Refer to other item numbers on this form to help us match your answers to the correct questions. If more space is needed, please attach separate sheets of paper. Be sure to place your name and social security number on each additional page.)

PART VI - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

(All applicants must complete this part)

I CERTIFY THAT all statements in my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PENALTY - Willful false statements as to a material fact in a claim for education benefits is a punishable offense and may result in the forfeiture of these or other benefits and in criminal penalties.

23A. FULL NAME OF APPLICANT (PRINTED)

23B. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Do NOT Print)) (Minor children must also have their parent or guardian sign in this item) SIGN HERE IN INK ▶	23C. DATE SIGNED

PART VII - CERTIFICATION FOR APPLICANTS ON ACTIVE DUTY

(Have your Education Officer complete this part only if you are currently on active duty. This signature is not needed if you are on terminal leave)

I CERTIFY THAT this individual is a member of the branch of the Armed Forces shown below and has consulted with me regarding his/her education program.

24A. SIGNATURE, TITLE AND BRANCH OF SERVICE OF ARMED FORCES EDUCATION OFFICER	24B. DATE SIGNED

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

This form is available on the Internet. We suggest that you file your application by going to **www.gibill.va.gov** and submitting your application electronically. Select "Electronic Application Form." EXCEPTION: If you are applying for the chapter 1607, National Call to Service, or Transfer of Entitlement benefit, we request that you not file electronically until we can update our system.

If you submit your application electronically, VA will automatically transfer your application to the Regional Processing Office that handles your claim. See HOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM at the end of these instructions for additional information on sending any supporting documentation (such as a Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty, DD Form 214).

We suggest that you tear off these instructions and place them next to the application form so that they are readily available.

See HOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM for where to mail your completed application form. This information is located toward the end of these instructions.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: The numbers on the instructions match the item numbers on the application. Items not mentioned are self-explanatory.

DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO APPLY FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS (chapter 31) OR DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (chapter 35). These benefits require different application forms. Use VA Form 28-1900 to apply for Vocational Rehabilitation benefits. See http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp for the Veterans On-Line Application for this form. Use VA Form 22-5490 to apply for Dependents' Educational Assistance benefits. This form is available at **www.gibill.va.gov.** These forms are also available at your nearest VA regional office and may be available where you received this application.

ITEM 4. You may check as many blocks as you like, but you may use only one type of education benefit at a time.

IMPORTANT: The following discussion of Items 4A through 4F contains only limited eligibility information for each education benefit. Use this information as a guideline only.

ITEM 4A. You may be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill benefits (eligibility based on active duty), also referred to as MGIB or "chapter 30," if you served on active duty and meet certain conditions. **NOTE: You do not have to be on active duty to apply for benefits under this program**. While there are additional requirements, in general, you must meet any one of the following conditions:

(1) You first entered service on or after July 1, 1985, AND you didn't decline this benefit at your initial entry into service.

OR

(2) You entered service (or agreed to delayed entry) before January 1, 1977 AND you have educational assistance entitlement remaining under the Vietnam Era GI Bill.

OR

(3) You were voluntarily separated under either the **Voluntary Separation Incentive or the Special Separation Benefit** programs and had your military pay reduced by $1,200.

OR

(4) You were involuntarily separated from active duty after February 2, 1991.

OR

(5) You were on active duty and eligible for VEAP benefits on October 9, 1996, and you elected chapter 30 benefits between October 9, 1996 and October 8, 1997 and paid $1,200,

OR

(6) You first entered full-time duty in the National Guard between July 1, 1985 and November 28, 1989 under title 32, U. S. Code, and you elected chapter 30 benefits between October 9, 1996 and July 8th, 1997, and paid $1,200.

OR

(7) You were on active duty and eligible for VEAP benefits on October 9, 1996, elected chapter 30 benefits between November 1, 2000 and October 31, 2001, and you paid $2,700.

ITEM 4B. You may be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve benefits, also referred to as "MGIB-SR" or "chapter 1606," if you are a member of the Selected Reserve or National Guard and meet certain requirements, including having a 6-year commitment. (Eligibility for this program is determined by your Reserve or National Guard component.)

To expedite processing, attach a copy of your DD 2384, Notice of Basic Eligibility. This form is also called a "NOBE." Your reserve unit (for example, the Army Reserve or the Army National Guard) should have issued this notice to you when you became eligible for Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve benefits. If you do not have a copy or were not issued a copy, request another copy from your reserve unit.

ITEM 4C. You may be eligible for benefits under the Reserve Educational Assistance Program, also referred to as "chapter 1607" if you are a member of the Ready Reserve (Selected and IRR) who served on active duty in support of a contingency operation for at least 90 consecutive days. Members of the Army and Air National Guard who performed full time National Guard duty under section 502(f) of title 32 may also be eligible. (Eligibility for this program is determined by the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security.) Attach a copy of any notice of eligibility for this program you have received from your military service department.

ITEM 4D. You may be eligible for Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Program benefits, also known as "VEAP" or "chapter 32," if you first entered active service between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985, AND you contributed to a VEAP account.

You may be eligible for Post-Vietnam Era Non-Contributory Educational Assistance Program benefits, also known as "Non-Contributory VEAP" or "Section 903," if you first entered active service between November 30, 1980 and September 30, 1981, AND your branch of service paid contributions into a VEAP account.

ITEM 4E. You may be eligible for benefits under the National Call to Service Program (title 10, U.S.C., chapter 31, section 510) if you signed an enlistment contract with the Department of Defense for the National Call to Service Program and elected one of the two education incentives provided by that program.

Attach a copy of DD Form 2683 (National Call to Service Election of Options). This form is needed to document your eligibility and confirm your incentive option.

ITEM 4F. You may be eligible for education benefits as the spouse or child of a veteran under the Transfer of Entitlement Program (title 38, U.S.C., chapter 30, section 3020) if you are a dependent of an individual eligible to transfer chapter 30 benefits to his or her dependents. The individual's branch of military service must approve a request to transfer benefits to you AND you must be designated by name as a recipient of these transferred benefits. The individual transferring entitlement must also designate the number of months transferred and the period (beginning date and ending date) for which the transfer is effective. This is called a "Designation of Dependents." You should attach DD Form 2366-2, Transferability Program to document this designation.

ITEM 5. VA is required to make direct deposit to your financial institution unless direct deposit would cause you a hardship.

You can send us a voided personal check OR provide the routing or transit number from either your checking or savings account. (Do not include the check number.) The routing or transit number is normally the left-most 9-digit number at the bottom left side of a check. It has two bars (up and down) separating this number from the account number. The account number is the number just to the right of the routing number.

Caution: Currently Direct Deposit isn't available for VEAP benefits. We will let you know if your VEAP payments can be made using direct deposit in the future. Until direct deposit is available, we will issue VEAP payments by check.

ITEM 6B. Check the "Previous Veteran's Education Benefits" Block if you received education benefits under a law previously administered by VA, such as the Vietnam Era GI Bill (chapter 34), WWII, or Korean GI Bills. Specify which benefit in this block.

ITEM 6C. Check the "Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits" block if you applied for VA education benefits as a disabled veteran.

ITEM 6D. Check the "Dependents' Educational Assistance Benefits" block if you previously applied for VA benefits as the dependent child or spouse of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities or who died on active duty.

ITEM 6E. Check the "Other" block if you previously applied for a VA benefit other than any of those specified in Items 6A through 6D.

ITEM 6F. Check the "None" block if you have never previously applied for VA education benefits.

ITEMS 7A and 7B. If you previously applied for VA benefits as the dependent child or spouse of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities or who died on active duty, write the name of the person (your parent or spouse) under whom you received these benefits in Item 7A and the VA file number (reference number) for this person in Item 7B.

ITEM 8. VA publishes information pamphlets for each benefit. These pamphlets furnish comprehensive information on the different programs offered. You should have received one of the following information pamphlets with your application:

a. VA Pamphlet 22-90-2, Summary of Educational Benefits Under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty Educational Assistance Program, Chapter 30 of Title 38, U.S.C.

b. VA Pamphlet 22-90-3, Summary of Educational Benefits Under the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program, Chapter 1606 of Title 10, U.S.C.

c. VA Pamphlet 22-79-1, Summary of Educational Benefits Under the Post-Vietnam Educational Assistance Program (VEAP).

NOTE: Pamphlets for recently implemented programs such as the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (title 10, U.S.C. chapter 1607), National Call to Service Program (title 10, U.S. C. chapter 31, section 510), and the Transfer of Entitlement Program (title 38, U.S.C., chapter 30 section 3020) may not be available.

If you check "NO," VA will send you one of these pamphlets based on your answer to question 4. You may also request a pamphlet from the person who furnished you this application.

ITEM 9B. If you have decided on your educational, professional or vocational goal, CHECK "YES." Then, list your final objective (for example, Masters Degree, Certified Public Accountant, or Computer Technician) in the space next to this item.

VA VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING HELP AVAILABLE. If you need help planning your individual educational and career goals, VA offers a wide range of counseling services to help you. Services include educational and vocational guidance and testing to help you to develop a greater understanding of your skills, talents, and interests. For further information on VA counseling, call VA Toll-Free at:

1-800-827-1000
or TDD 1-800-829-4833

ITEM 9C. Self-explanatory, except for the following items:

Check the "I seek reimbursement for a Licensing or Certification test" block if you want reimbursement for a licensing or certification test. Claimants receiving benefits under chapter 1606 (Item 4B) or chapter 1607 (Item 4C) may not receive reimbursement for these tests. A licensing test is a test offered by a state, local, or federal agency which is required by law to practice an occupation. A certification test is a test designed to provide affirmation of an individual's qualification in a specific occupation.

Check the "Tuition Assistance Top-Up" block if you want VA to reimburse you for the difference between what the military pays for TA (Tuition Assistance) and the actual costs of these courses. (VA pays the difference or "tops up" what the military doesn't pay.) There are also other programs similar to the TA program where the military pays for courses. One similar program is the "EarmyU" program. Also check this "Tuition Assistance Top-Up" block if you want VA to pay you the difference for these courses.

Check the "National Admission Exams or National Exams for Credit" block if you want VA to reimburse you for the fee you paid for taking one or more national tests. Claimants receiving benefits under chapter 1606 (Item 4B) or chapter 1607 (Item 4C) may not receive reimbursement for these tests. National tests for admission to institutions of higher learning include the following: the Scholastic Aptitude Test, Law School Admission Test, Graduate Record Exam, or the Graduate Management Admission Test.

National tests providing an opportunity for course credit at institutions of higher learning include the following: The Advanced Placement exam and the College-Level Examination Program.

NOTE ON CORRESPONDENCE TRAINING: If you plan to enroll in a correspondence course or a combination correspondence-residence course, be sure the field of study is suitable to your abilities and interests before you sign a contract with the school. Information on correspondence courses is available at the nearest U.S. Veterans Assistance Center or VA Regional Office. The correspondence school may require you to pay for all or the majority of the course even though you complete only a portion of it. Unlike the other VA training programs, payments for correspondence courses are made quarterly after VA receives your certification showing the number of lessons you completed during the previous quarter. The information pamphlet described in Item 8 gives additional information on payments.

You must affirm a contract for enrollment in a correspondence course after at least 10 days following the date you sign the contract. If you decide not to enroll in a correspondence course after signing a contract but before signing the affirmation, you are entitled to receive a full refund from the school of any payment made for the course.

NOTE ON FLIGHT TRAINING: If you plan to enroll in a flight course, you must have a private pilot's license. If you are taking an Airline Transport Pilot course, you must have a valid **first-class medical certificate** on the date that you enter training. For all other flight courses, you must have a valid **second-class medical certificate** on the date that you enter training.

ITEM 9F. VA allows claimants to receive VA benefits for certain courses for which they have previously received credit. These "refresher" courses are either (1) courses at the elementary or secondary level to review or update material previously covered in a course that has been satisfactorily completed or (2) courses which permit an individual to update knowledge and skills or to be instructed in the technological advances which have occurred in the individual's field of employment during and since the period of his or her active military service. (Skip this item if you checked the "I seek reimbursement for a Licensing or Certification Test" block, the "National Admission Exams or National Exams for Credit" block or the "Tuition Assistance Top-Up" block.)

ITEM 10. *This question is for CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. It is not for active duty persons or persons receiving Department of Education work-study benefits.*

ITEM 11. *This question is for ALL APPLICANTS ON ACTIVE DUTY who are not applying for Tuition Assistance (Top-Up).*

Payment of VA educational benefits is prohibited for a course or courses being paid for entirely or in part by the Armed Forces or the Public Health Service. If you are receiving any money (to include but not limited to tuition assistance) from the Armed Forces or Public Health Service during any part of your training, you must check "YES." Specify complete details in the block next to this item. Please identify the source of the funds. If you are not sure, explain why you might be eligible for the money in the block next to this item.

ITEM 12E AND 12F. If you have ever held a license to practice a profession or journeyman rating to work at a trade, state the name of the license or journeyman rating, and the state in which the license was held. If you have never held a license or rating, write "NONE." We only use this information if you apply for benefits for a similar program. Examples of a license include the following: electrician, CPA, teacher, lawyer, and bricklayer. Use Item 22, "Remarks," if you need more space.

ITEM 13B. (Terminal leave is also known as "Transitional leave.") Terminal leave means that you are on leave continuously from the date that you last performed military duties (i.e., signed out of your last unit) until the date of your discharge from active duty. If you are now on terminal or transitional leave just before discharge, check "YES." Provide the date your terminal leave began and the date you will be discharged from active duty in this block.

ITEM 14. If you attach a DD Form 214, you should send a copy of your DD Form 214 for each period of active military service that you completed. Your separation packet should contain this DD Form 214. Each DD Form 214 has several copies. The copy number is on the lower right hand side of the form. Send us a copy of this form designated as "Copy 4"; this copy is usually also designated as "Member." If you do not have your "Copy 4" of your DD Form 214, submit the original of any other copy you have.

NOTE: *Please do not send us any of your original documents. If you have recorded the original document with a county recorder, you may submit a certified copy of the document. If you complete your application at a VA office, VA personnel can certify the original of any documents needed to support your claim and then immediately return those documents to you.*

ITEM 17B. When DoD counts a period of active duty for the purpose of repayment of an education loan, VA cannot use that same period of active duty to determine the number of months of chapter 30 benefits. For example, if you received an education loan repayment from DoD, and DoD required two years (24 months) for that education loan repayment, and you had a total of three years (36 months) of active duty, VA would be required to restrict your active duty for determining chapter 30 benefits to 12 months (36 months total active duty minus 24 months for repaying your education loan). If you have had some active duty time that counted toward repayment of an education loan, check "YES." Write the period of active duty used for repayment of your education loan in the space in this item.

ITEM 18A. THIS QUESTION IS FOR OFFICERS WHO ARE APPLYING FOR CHAPTER 30 (BY CHECKING ITEM 4A). VA education benefits are not usually payable when an officer receives a commission upon graduation from a military service academy such as West Point or the Naval Academy. If you attended a service academy, check "YES." Write the date (month and year) you graduated and received your commission in the space in this item.

ITEM 19. THIS QUESTION IS ONLY FOR APPLICANTS WHOSE SERVICE (OR DELAYED ENTRY) BEGAN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1977. If you are currently married or if you have children under age 18 (or under age 23, single and in school), complete and return VA Form 21-686c. Also complete and return VA Form 21-674 for each child between 18 and 23 who is single and in school. If your parent(s) are dependent on you for support, you should complete and return VA Form 21-509. These forms may require additional documentation. VA cannot pay any additional benefits for dependents without properly completed forms and documentation.

NOTE: PDF (Portable Document File) versions of VA Forms 21-686c, 21-674, and 21-509 are available on the Internet at: www.va.gov/vaforms. (Type the number of the form in the search block at this internet site.)

Part V. If you are applying for transfer of entitlement benefits, you should send us a copy of DD Form 23-66-2, Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1985 Transferability Program. The veteran or servicemember should have completed this transferability agreement, verifying that the military has granted him or her the transfer of entitlement option. The veteran or servicemember uses this form to record his or her designation of dependents. This form should show that the veteran or servicemember has designated you by name.

Item 21A. If you are a spouse or child applying for MGIB benefits because a veteran or servicemember has transferred his or her MGIB benefits to you as his or her dependent, the veteran or servicemember must complete VA Form 21-686c, Declaration of Status of Dependents. The PDF version of this form is available on the Internet at: www.va.gov/vaforms. (Type "21-686c" in the search block at this Internet site.)

ITEM 21G and 21H. If you have ever held a license to practice a profession or a journeyman rating to work at a trade, state the name of the license or journeyman rating and the state in which the license was held. If you have never held any license or rating, write "NONE." We only use this information if you apply for benefits for a similar program. Examples of occupations requiring a license include the following: electrician, CPA, teacher, lawyer, bricklayer.

NOTE: You will not be eligible to receive benefits for any period for which you have an outstanding felony warrant. Any benefits paid to you for such a period will be an overpayment subject to collection.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

ADVANCE PAYMENT. Once you're enrolled in an approved course, you may request an advance payment for the first month (or part of a month) and second month of enrollment if ALL the following conditions are met

- You're enrolled on at least a half-time basis, **and**
- Your school has agreed to receive and process advance payment checks for delivery to its students, **and**
- You request advance payment by signing a request block on the enrollment certification your school sends to us, **and**
- VA receives your enrollment certification at least 30 days before classes start.

NOTE: If we don't pay an advance payment, we'll pay you after each month you attend school. (If you receive chapter 30 or 1606 benefits, you will not receive any payments until you verify your enrollment on a monthly basis.)

IMPORTANT: Additional requirements set by law may prevent us from making an advance payment.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS *(Continued)*

ACCELERATED PAYMENT: Beneficiaries under chapter 30 can qualify to receive an accelerated payment if they are enrolled in certain high-cost, high-tech courses. An accelerated payment is a lump-sum payment of up to 60% of tuition and fees and is paid in lieu of regular monthly benefits. For more information, see the HELP item on this page.

HELP. If you need help in completing this application, call VA TOLL-FREE at**1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)**. If you are hearing impaired, call us toll-free at **1-800-829-4833**. Our education Internet site **(www.gibill.va.gov)** is available to help you.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLETED PAPER APPLICATION

Be sure to sign and date this form. Then, do the following:

(A) If you have selected a school or training establishment,

Step 1: Mail the completed form to the VA Regional Processing Office in the region of that school's physical address. See the next page for the post office address for these offices.

Step 2: Notify the veterans certifying official at your school or training establishment that you have applied for VA education benefits. Ask him or her to submit your attendance information using VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification, or its electronic version.

Step 3: Wait for VA to process your application and notify you of our decision concerning your eligibility for education assistance.

(B) If you have not selected a school or training establishment,

Step 1: Mail the completed form to the VA Regional Processing Office in the region of your home address. See the next page for the post office box address for these offices.

Step 2: Wait for VA to process your application and notify you of our decision concerning your eligibility for education assistance.

HOW TO COMPLETE AN ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

If you completed your application electronically, VA furnished you with the following: (1) a unique confirmation number for your individual claim and (2) the address of the VA Office (Education Regional Processing Office) that will process your claim. You need to write this information down and keep it in a safe location. You need to finalize your Internet submission by sending us your signature. (If you did not print the signature page from the electronic submission, type or print the following statement on a blank piece of paper: "My signature on this page supports the application for education benefits that was submitted through the Internet." Sign and date that piece of paper. Write your confirmation number, your Social Security Number (Item 1B on the form) and any VA file number (Item 1C) on that paper.

Then, do the following:

If you have selected a school or training establishment, mail the paper with your signature to the VA Regional Processing Office in the region of that school's physical address. See the next page for the post office box address for these offices. Then, follow the same actions as shown in (A), step 2, above.

If you have not selected a school or training establishment, mail the paper with your signature to the VA Regional Processing Office in the region of your home address. See the next page for the post office box address for these offices. Then, wait for VA to process your application and notify you of its decision concerning your eligibility for educational assistance.

Eastern Region: **VA Regional Office** **P. O. Box 4616** **Buffalo, NY 14240-4616**			
Serves the following states:			
CT	DE	DC	ME
MD	MA	NH	NJ
NY	OH	PA	RI
VT	VA	WV	Foreign Schools
Central Region: **VA Regional Office** **P. O. Box 66830** **St. Louis, MO 63166-6830**			
Serves the following states:			
CO	IA	IL	IN
KS	KY	MI	MN
MO	MT	NE	ND
SD	TN	WI	WY
Western Region: **VA Regional Office** **P. O. Box 8888** **Muskogee, OK 74402-8888**			
Serves the following states:			
AK	AR	AZ	CA
HI	ID	LA	NM
NV	OK	OR	PHILIPPINES
TX	UT	WA	
Southern Region: **VA Regional Office** **P. O. Box 100022** **Decatur, GA 30031-7022**	NH		
Serves the following states:			
AL	FL	GA	MS
NC	PR	SC	US Virgin Islands

Privacy Act Notice: The VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.526 for routine uses (e.g., VA sends educational forms or letters with a veteran's identifying information to the veteran's school or training establishment to (1) assist the veteran in the completion of claims forms or (2) for the VA to obtain further information as may be necessary from the school for the VA to properly process the veteran's education claim or to monitor his or her progress during training) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22, Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records - VA, and published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain education benefits. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law enacted before January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine the maximum benefits under the law. While you do not have to respond, VA cannot process your claim for education assistance unless the information is furnished as required by existing law (38 U.S. C. 3471). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Any information provided by applicants, recipients, and others may be subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

Respondent Burden: We need this information to determine your eligibility to education benefits (38 U.S.C. 3471). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 60 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB (Office of Management and Budget) control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/library/OMBINV.VA.EPA.html#VA If desired, you can call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.