

MONTGOMERY GI BILL® “KICKER”

RECEIVE AN
ADDITIONAL
\$200 OR \$350
A MONTH!



WHAT IS IT?

An incentive given upon enlistment/reenlistment to attract Soldiers to specific units, skills, or positions to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

CATEGORIES:

- Non-prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB, enlist in a critical skill/unit
- Prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB/AFCT, MOS qualified, E-7 or below, and enlist in an MTOE or medical unit
- Currently serving enlisted Soldiers who have completed 3 consecutive years of service, but no more than 14 total years of service, 50 or higher on ASVAB, SFC or below
- Officer commissioning programs; ROTC/SMP, OCS and WOCS
- Currently serving officers; up to one year after commissioning

BASIC CRITERIA:

- Be eligible for the MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606 or MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
- Sign a six-year service obligation (Enlistment contract, extension, or Officer Service Agreement)
- Complete MOS or Branch Qualification in contracted skill

WHAT DO I GET?

- Depending on your category and date of contract, either \$200 or \$350 per month added to your basic GI Bill Payment

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Complete an ARNG MGIB-SR Kicker Contract
- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: www.va.gov
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Continue to verify your enrollment each month via text message, email, or calling 1-888-GIBILL1 (1-888-442-4551)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338) or arnng.esc@army.mil
- Visit us Online: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: ng.co.coarnng.mbx.g1-per-es@army.mil

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MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE KICKER



Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Overview

Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) is a benefit administered by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) that offers up to 36 months of education benefits. The 2023 fiscal year MGIB-SR rate pays \$439 per month for full-time enrollment, tax-free and directly to the Soldier.

Kicker Overview

The MGIB-SR Kicker is a contracted incentive for members of the Selected Reserve to allow for an educational assistance supplement. Soldiers must be eligible for MGIB-SR or MGIB - Active Duty (MGIB-AD). Supplemental amount varies on time of contract, with standard rates of \$200 or \$350. Soldiers may receive MGIB-SR Kicker payments for up to 36 months in addition to the simultaneous use of Ch 1606 MGIB-SR, Ch 30 MGIB-AD or Ch 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Officer Candidate School (OCS) / Warrant Officer Candidate (WOC)

Scenario 1:

Soldiers who signed a 6-year contract, attained a high school diploma and completed BCT and AIT have established eligibility for Ch 1606. Soldiers awarded 09S/09W MOS and have not commissioned will be eligible for Kicker by signing a DA 4836 for 6 years and NGB 5435 OCS/WOC Kicker addendum.

Scenario 2:

Soldiers who signed a 6-year contract, attained a high school and completed **only** BCT have not established eligibility for Ch 1606 will not be eligible for OCS/WOC Kicker.

Standard Officer Kicker (SOK)

Soldiers who accept commission into the ARNG regardless of commissioning source and have not previously contracted for a Kicker are eligible for the SOK. Soldiers will be eligible for SOK by signing DA 5447 Officer Service Agreement for 6 years and NGB 5435 SOK Kicker addendum **no later than one year after commissioning or recommissioning**. Officers/Warrant Officers must complete Branch Qualification before being eligible to receive payment.

Officer/Warrant Officer Supplemental (Bump-Up)

If Soldier has existing Kicker contract and is at a lower rate (\$100 or \$200), Soldier may contract for the Officer Supplemental Kicker to increase the rate to \$350.

- Soldier must have an existing Kicker contract at lower rates
- Enter OCS, ROTC, or WOC commissioning programs or accept a commission in the ARNG
- Awarded 09S, 09R or 09W as duty MOS
- Sign the MGIB-SR Kicker Supplemental addendum (NGB Form 5435-1) **no later than one year after commissioning**
- The Officer Candidates must complete the commissioning program and accept commission in the ARNG to retain the higher supplemental rate

NOTE:

- If the Soldier has completed the six-year obligation for the original MGIB-SR Kicker, no additional service is required. If the Soldier has not completed the six-year obligation, the Soldier must complete the balance of the obligation to retain the higher Officer Supplemental rate

EDUCATION AND INCENTIVE INQUIRIES CAN BE SENT TO:
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