Guard/Reserve Resources

The military offers several programs to support your education goals including tuition assistance, the GI Bill, and other education programs.

Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) – Under the MGB-SR program, drilling Reservists and Guardsmen can receive up to 36 months of education benefits. As of October 1, 2009, a full-time student can get paid $333/month to help pay for school. Eligibility consists of:

- Having your high school diploma or GED before completing Inactive Duty Training (IADT)
- Completing IADT
- Committing to a six-year enlistment obligation
- Remain in good standing in an active Selected Reserve Unit

The MGIB-SR applies to members of the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marines Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve along with the Army and Air National Guard. This benefit is available to service members who have served and separated before September 11, 2001.

US Army Reserve (USAR) Educational Benefits – In addition to the MGIB-SR, the USAR offers two additional education benefits. If you meet the USAR entrance eligibility requirement and enlist for six years, you can receive up to $22,000 in education benefits. If you enlist into a critical Military Occupational Speciality (MOS), you could also earn an additional $35/month for up to 36 months.

Air Force Reserve Educational Benefits – As a drilling Air Force Reservist, you can earn college credits for taking job-related technical courses through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). They are the only military college authorized to award associate degrees.

Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) – As a member of the Selected Reserves, if you are ordered to active duty for at least 90 consecutive days, then you could be eligible for REAP. Depending on your active duty tour length, you could receive up to $827.20/month for up to 36 months