Veterans Education Benefits Programs

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs administers the following education benefit programs. To discuss your eligibility for educational benefits, please contact an Education Benefits Case Manager at 1-888-442-4551.

**Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33):**

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

**Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (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.

**Montgomery GI Bill - Selective Reserve (Chapter 1606):**

The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

**Montgomery GI Bill Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP- Chapter 1607):**

*REAP* was established as a part of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. It is a Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress. This program makes certain reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001 either eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits.

**Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA- Chapter 35):**
DEA provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, who died while on active duty or as a result of a service related condition, or have been listed as MIA or POW for more than 90 days. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits.

**Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31)**

Veterans who have a 20 percent or greater service connected disability for Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

**Contact Information for Veterans**

- **Donna M. Staats, School Certifying Official**  
  Financial Aid Office

  **Mailing Address:**  
  Cecil College  
  One Seahawk Drive  
  North East, MD 21901  
  **Phone:** 410-287-1000 ext. 516  
  **Fax:** 410-287-1001  
  **Email:** staa9311@cecil.edu

- **Veterans Affairs- Buffalo Regional Processing Office**  
  (For Chapters 30, 33, 35, 1606 and 1607)

  **Mailing Address:**  
  Department of Veterans Affairs  
  Buffalo Regional Processing Office  
  PO Box 4616  
  Buffalo, NY 14240-4616  
  **Phone:** 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (442-4551)  
  **Email:** buffrpo@vba.va.gov

- **Veterans Affairs- Baltimore Regional Office**  
  (For Chapter 31- Vocational Rehabilitation)

  **Mailing Address:**  
  Department of Veterans Affairs  
  Baltimore Regional Office
Veteran’s Educational Benefits

How to Apply:

Students who have never used benefits:

- New students must complete an Application for Benefits which can be downloaded or completed electronically online at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

Once your application has been processed, the VA will mail you a Certificate of Eligibility which outlines your chapter and percentage of eligibility for the GI Bill.

Students who have previously used benefits:

- Students who have previously used their benefits at another institution must complete the Change of Program/Place Form, VA form 22-1995.

*Students must submit a copy of their Certificate of Eligibility to the school Certifying Official and are advised to schedule an appointment to discuss enrollment and benefit information.*

In addition, VA students who transfer to Cecil should have their academic transcripts evaluated for transfer credits toward their program of study. The toll free number for Veterans Affairs is 1-888-442-4551.

Note: Veterans must make academic progress to remain eligible for educational benefits. Non-punitive grades may result in an overpayment between the student and the VA.