MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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Educational Benefits

- Mississippi State Education Assistance Program (SEAP)
- Free Tuition Programs
- Montgomery GI Bill Select Reserve
- Post 9-11 GI Bill
- Federal Tuition Assistance



MS State Education Assistance Program (SEAP)

- Pays up to \$4500 per school year (August 1 July 31).
 - Community/Junior College (\$1150 per semester)
 - University (\$2250 per semester)
- For tuition only.
- Pays directly to college.
- Members must apply each semester for benefit.



MS State Education Assistance Program (SEAP)

REQUIREMENTS

- First time applicants must provide voter registration card as proof of residency.
- Subsequent applications, previous semester of benefit usage must be provided.
- Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Member must be in good standing with the MS Air National Guard.



Free Tuition Programs

Free Tuition Programs are cooperative agreements between the MS National Guard, Mississippi State University, Jackson State University, and Mississippi University for Women to provide free tuition to Guardsmen who are in good standing.

Qualifications:

- Must be a Current Member in good standing with the Air National Guard
- Undergraduate Degree Only
- In-Residence or Online classes
- Full-time student status (12+ hours)
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- MS Resident and a registered voter in the State of Mississippi



Montgomery GI Bill

Designed to provide *tax free* financial assistance to eligible members for a variety of training programs at various institutions that include:

- College
- Business
- Technical
- Vocational
- Correspondence Courses
- Apprenticeship/Job Training
- Flight Training



Montgomery GI Bill

- Monthly Stipend of \$384 for full-time student
- Paid directly to student
- Tax free
- 36 months of payments
 - Full time student: \$384
 - 3¼ time student: \$287
 - 1/2 time student: \$191
 - Less than ½ time student: \$96



Montgomery GI Bill

REQUIREMENTS

- Basic Training and Technical School Graduate.
- Be in good standing with the MS Air National Guard.
- Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.



Post 9/11 Montgomery GI Bill

- Veterans who have served at least 90 days of active duty service after September 10, 2001 and received an honorable discharge will qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. To qualify for the full benefit a Veteran must have served at least 3 years of active duty after September 10, 2001.
- Those who qualify for the Active Duty GI Bill, or the Reserve GI Bill will have the option to choose which benefit best suits their need.

Post 9/11 Montgomery GI Bill

| Member Serves | Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable |
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| At least 36 months | 100% |
| At least 30 continuous days on active duty and must be discharged due to service-connected disability | 100% |
| At least 30 months, but less than 36 months | 90% |
| At least 24 months, but less than 30 months | 80% |
| At least 18 months, but less than 24 months | 70% |
| At least 12 months, but less than 18 months | 60% |
| At least 06 months, but less than 12 months | 50% |
| At least 90 days, but less than 06 months | 40% ARGUARD |

Post 9/11 Montgomery GI Bill

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- Tuition and Fees (paid to school)
- Basic Allowance for Housing (E-5 w/dependent rate)
- Book and Supply Stipend



Federal Tuition Assistance

- Available to Active or Activated Guardsmen.
- Pays tuition and fees up to \$250/Semester Hour.
- Pays up to \$4000 per year.
- Enrollment into program must be applied for, and approval is through, US government educational department.



QUESTIONS???





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