



# Montgomery GI Bill® "Kicker"

## 1. What is it?

- The Kicker incentive is an additional education payment to attract Soldiers to specific units, skills, or positions to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements (Reference: DoDI 1322.17).

## 2. How Do I Qualify?

- **Categories:**
  - Non-prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB (CAT IIIA or higher), agree to serve in a critical skill/critical unit.
  - Prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB (CAT IIIA or higher), MOS qualified, E-5 or below, and enlist in an MTOE or medical unit.
  - Currently serving enlisted Soldiers; served between 3 and 14 years in the ARNG, SFC or below.
  - Officer commissioning program; ROTC/SMP, OCS, WOC, must contract prior to commissioning.
- **Basic Criteria:**
  - Be eligible for the MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606 or MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
  - Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC).
  - Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement (OSA) or extend to have six years on their contract and meet all other relevant criteria in the current SRIP policy.
- **Additional Criteria:**
  - Have an Honorable discharge from all previous periods of service.
  - Be actively serving in the ARNG (cannot be in the Inactive National Guard-ING or Individual Ready Reserve-IRR).
  - Not be in Military Technician, AGR, or Active Duty Status.
  - Not be flagged for unsatisfactory participation.
  - Not on a Dedicated ARNG ROTC Scholarship (Reference: Title 10 USC 2107).

## 3. What Do I Get?

- \$350 per month in addition to your basic GI Bill payment (paid directly to the Soldier).

## 4. How Do I Apply?

- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov)
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: [www.gibill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave)

### **For More Information:**

- Visit the VA Web Site: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)
- Visit us On-Line: [www.nationalguard.com/education](http://www.nationalguard.com/education)
- Contact your State Education Office at: [www.tn.gov/military/section/education-incentives](http://www.tn.gov/military/section/education-incentives)



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