

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ★

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Montgomery GI Bill[®] "Kicker"

1. What is it?

- The Kicker is an incentive given upon enlistment/reenlistment that adds an additional education payment to attract Soldiers to specific units, skills, or positions to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements.

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.
 - Currently serving officers up to one year after 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, not assigned to 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 (tax free) 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.va.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

For More Information:

- Visit the VA Web Site:
www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- Visit us On-Line:
www.nationalguard.com/education
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