



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BUFFALO REGIONAL OFFICE
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Dear [REDACTED]:

We have reviewed your application for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits and made a decision regarding your claim for the Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve.

Certificate of Eligibility

Congratulations! After reviewing your application, we have determined that you are **eligible** for education benefits.

Basic eligibility for the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve is determined by the Reserve and National Guard components of the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for Coast Guard Reservists. DoD must provide us with notification that you are eligible before we can approve your benefits. Additionally, VA can only issue payment if you have not reached certain time or benefit limits.

The effective date of your benefits is August 1, 2025, which is the date that you became eligible for benefits. This is the first date that we can pay for your program of education.

You have 32 months and 7.00000 days of remaining benefits as of the date of this letter because:

- You originally had 36 months and 0.00000 days under this benefit
- You have used 3 months and 23.00000 days under this benefit

Your benefits have no expiration date as long as you are still an active member of the Selected Reserve. Upon separating from the Selected Reserve, an expiration date will be determined. In most cases, eligibility ends immediately.

What Happens Next

- **Learn how to contact VA:** See the enclosed **We Are Here to Help** for information about how to contact us and additional VA benefit resources.
- **Update your contact and banking information:** Any recent changes? You must update VA Education Service with your new banking information, address, phone number, and/or email, as soon as possible, to ensure you receive benefits-related correspondence timely. Please use <https://ask.va.gov> or call 1-888-GIBILL1 (1-888-442-4551). We are available Monday through