

**STATEMENT OF ENTITLEMENT TO EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
FOR RESERVE COMPONENTS SUPPORTING CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS
AND CERTAIN NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS**

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1607; 38 U.S.C. Chapter 30; and EO 9397 (SSN).

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To document a military member's notification of entitlement to the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP).

ROUTINE USE(S): None.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may result in an inability to verify the member's notification.

1. MEMBER'S INFORMATION

a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. RANK	c. SSN
d. SERVICE	e. COMPONENT (National Guard or Reserve)	f. CATEGORY (Reserve Affiliation) (X one) <input type="checkbox"/> SELECTED RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE (IRR)	

2. MEMBER'S CERTIFICATION

a. By signing this document I acknowledge that I have performed active service as a member of the Ready Reserve for 90 consecutive days or more in support of a contingency operation, or, as a member of the Army National Guard of the United States or Air National Guard of the United States, I have performed full-time National Guard duty in accordance with Section 502(f) of Title 32, U.S.C., for 90 consecutive days or more when authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for the purpose of responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds and that I have been notified that: (X applicable box)

- (1) By serving at least 90 consecutive days and less than 1 continuous year, I am entitled to educational assistance pursuant to Chapter 1607 of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), equal to 40 percent of the Montgomery GI Bill assistance authorized by Section 3015 of Title 38, U.S.C.
- (2) By serving at least 1 continuous year but less than 2 continuous years, I am entitled to 60 percent of the referenced benefit.
- (3) By serving at least 2 continuous years or an aggregate of 3 years or more, I am entitled to 80 percent of the referenced benefit.
- (4) If released from active service before completing 90 consecutive days because of an injury, illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, I shall be entitled to educational assistance at the 40 percent rate.

b. If after becoming entitled to educational assistance I am separated from the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve after completion of a period of active service described in section 16163 of Title 10, U.S.C., Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), and completion of a service contract (any Service contract under which a characterization of service is provided; e.g., enlistment, reenlistment) with a characterization of other than dishonorable - if separated between October 28, 2004 and January 27, 2008; or with a characterization of honorable or general under honorable conditions - if separated on or after January 28, 2008, I will remain entitled to educational assistance benefits pursuant to Chapter 1607 of Title 10, U.S.C., during the 10-year period beginning on the date on which I separate from the Selected Reserve.

c. If after becoming entitled to educational assistance I am separated from the Ready Reserve because of a disability not due to my own willful misconduct, my entitlement will expire at the end of the 10-year period beginning on the date on which I became entitled to educational assistance.

d. If I am separated from the Ready Reserve and prevented from pursuing a chosen program of education before the expiration of the 10-year period because of a physical or mental disability that was not the result of my own willful misconduct, and who applies for an extension of the 10-year period within one year after (1) the last day of such period, or (2) the last day on which the individual was prevented from pursuing the program, whichever is later, the 10-year period shall not run during the period of time I was prevented from pursuing a program of education and the 10-year period will again be running on the first day following my recovery from the disability, as determined under regulations issued by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, for me to initiate or resume pursuit of a program of education as provided in subsections (d) and (f) of Section 3031 of Title 38.

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2. MEMBER'S CERTIFICATION *(Continued)*

e. Entitlement is limited to a maximum of 36 months of full-time benefits (or equivalent part-time benefits) or a maximum of 48 cumulative months of full-time benefits if I use benefits from other educational assistance programs (Chapter 30, 33, 1606).

f. Unless I qualify for continued assistance under the 10-year period described above in paragraph b., I understand that if I qualify for this educational assistance benefit while a member of the Selected Reserve and subsequently transfer to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), that I will not be eligible for benefit payments and that payments will not resume until I again become a member of the Selected Reserve.

g. I will not receive credit for service under both this program and the program established by Chapter 30 of Title 38, U.S.C., pertaining to the Montgomery GI Bill, but must make an irrevocable election as to the program to which such service is to be credited.

h. Educational assistance shall not be provided under this program, or if being provided shall be terminated, if I am receiving educational assistance pursuant to section 2107 of Title 10, U.S.C., as a member of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

i. Claims for educational assistance must be validated and processed through my Service prior to being submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

j. I understand that I must process an election for the REAP Buy-Up Program under Chapter 1607 of Title 10, U.S.C., through my Service for validation prior to submitting any claim to the Department of Veterans Affairs for educational assistance payments.

k. I understand that, under the REAP Buy-Up Program, I may contribute additional amounts to my Military Service for the purpose of receiving an increased amount of educational assistance. The total amount of contributions shall not exceed \$600.00 and shall be paid in multiples of \$20.00.

(1) For each \$20.00 I contribute I will receive an increase of \$5.00 in the monthly benefit I receive if I am enrolled in an approved program of instruction on a full-time basis.

(2) If I am enrolled in an approved program of instruction on less than a full-time basis the increased monthly benefit shall be a reduced amount based on the amount contributed as determined under the Department of Veterans Affairs' regulations.

(3) I may make contributions at any time, while a member of a Reserve Component, but not more frequently than monthly. Prior to making an election, it would be advisable for me to contact my education assistance officer to get counseled on the education options available to me.

3. MEMBER**a. SIGNATURE****b. DATE (YYYYMMDD)****4. SERVICE VERIFYING OFFICIAL****a. NAME** *(Last, First, Middle Initial)***b. SIGNATURE****c. DATE (YYYYMMDD)**