

# MONTGOMERY GI BILL – SELECTED RESERVE (BASIC) STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (SOU)

(Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 1606)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**AUTHORITY:** 10 U.S.C., Chapter 1606 Sections 16131 through 16136; and E.O. 9397  
**PRINCIPLE PURPOSE (S):** Information will be used to establish eligibility by members of the Selected Reserve to Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance benefits.  
**ROUTINE USE (S):** To the Department of Veterans Affairs, to substantiate eligibility for an increase in educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve.  
**DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary; however, failure to provide personal information may preclude processing of the Written Agreement for the MGIB-SR Kicker  
**COMPUTER MATCHING:** Information provided on the Written Agreement for the MGIB-SR Kicker is subject to a computer matching agreement between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Computer matching is employed to verify an individual's eligibility for and continued compliance with Federal benefit programs, and in some instances is used to effect adjustments or recovery of improper payments made to or delinquent debts owed by a beneficiary or former beneficiary.

## 1. SERVICE MEMBER INFORMATION (Print or Type)

a. Typed or Printed Name (LAST, First, Middle Initial)	b. Last 4 of SSN:	c. Navy Reserve Activity:
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## 2. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I have been counseled regarding the Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Basic Program. I am fully aware and understand the requirements necessary to become eligible for educational benefits, the procedures for maintaining eligibility and the circumstances that may lead to losing eligibility per COMNAVRESFORINST 1780.1 series. Specifically:

1. I must incur a six-year Inactive Duty Training (IDT) drilling obligation in the Selected Reserve on or after 1 July 1985.
2. I must possess a high school diploma, GED or equivalent prior to benefit application.
3. I must not be in receipt of an NROTC scholarship.
4. I must remain in an IDT pay status and maintain satisfactory drill performance/participation for the entire six-year obligated period to receive educational benefits from the MGIB-SR program.
5. If eligible and I remain in an IDT pay status and maintain satisfactory drill performance/participation, I will retain eligibility to use the program without any delimiting period from my GI Bill Start Date (GIBSD).
6. If eligible, benefits to which I am entitled under this program will be paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). It is my personal responsibility to apply to the DVA in order to receive benefits.
7. If eligible, entitlement for benefits will be terminated upon voluntary separation from the Selected Reserve for any reason with the exception of mobilization.
8. If eligible, I understand that I am allowed one authorized period of suspension (three years for missionary purposes, or one year for all other reasons) during my period of eligibility. I further understand that to reestablish eligibility for benefits, I must return to an IDT pay status prior to the expiration of my authorized period of suspension, and, I must extend my drilling obligation to equal the authorized period of suspension that will maintain the integrity of my original six-year obligation.
9. If eligible, and I am declared an unsatisfactory participant during my initial six-year obligation period, or I do not return prior to the expiration of an authorized period of suspension, or I do not extend my drilling obligation after a period of authorized suspension, my eligibility for MGIB-SR benefits will be terminated and can never be regained in the Navy Reserve or any other reserve component.
10. If my eligibility is terminated due to unsatisfactory participation during my initial six-year obligation period, I understand that Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) will recoup a portion of the monies that I received in proportion to the obligation period that I did not complete.
11. I understand that this SOU only constitutes informing me of the basic provisions of the MGIB-SR Basic Program and in no way obligates me to or entitles me to educational benefits. If I meet the eligibility criteria described above, I will be required to read and sign a DD Form 2384-1 "Notice of Basic Eligibility" (NOBE).

## 3. SERVICEMEMBER

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (LAST, First, Middle Initial)	b. Rank	c. Signature	d. Date
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## 4. COMMANDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE (E6 or above or civilian equivalent)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (LAST, First, Middle Initial)	b. Grade / Rank	c. Signature	d. Date
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