



# Montgomery GI Bill "Kicker"

## 1. What is it?

- The Kicker incentive is an additional education payment to encourage Soldiers to enter into specific units or skills to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements. Enlisted, Officer Candidates, and Officer-specific Kicker Incentives are available – each with specific criteria and rules (Reference: DoDI 1322.17).

## 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Be eligible for the MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606 or MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
- Agree to serve in a critical skill/critical unit or enter an officer commissioning program.
- Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement (OSA).
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC).
- Must 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).

## 2. What Do I Get?

- \$200 or \$350 per month depending on your Kicker contract.
- Kicker is paid directly to the Soldier and is in addition to your basic GI Bill payment.

## 3. How Do I Apply?

- Contact your State Education Office to validate your eligibility.
- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov)
  - Be sure to include a copy of your Kicker contract.
- 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:
  - Available at [ng.wa.waarnng.list.per-education@mail.mil](mailto:ng.wa.waarnng.list.per-education@mail.mil)



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