

IT PAYS TO BE A CITIZEN-SOLDIER!



Money for School

as of 1 October 2022

Montgomery G.I. Bill Selected Reserve (Chap. 1606) and Kicker: Soldiers who have completed initial training are eligible to pocket up to **\$439 per month**. Certain critical skill positions qualify for a "kicker" to the G.I. Bill that increases the amount another **\$200 per month** for a total of **\$639 per month!**

Tuition Grant Program: There are several Michigan colleges and universities that offer grants exclusively to Michigan National Guard Soldiers that attend their school. This grant is offered as a reduction in tuition.

Federal Tuition Assistance Program: Pays up to **\$4,000 per fiscal year**.

Michigan National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program: Available exclusively to students serving in the Michigan National Guard attending a college, university, technical, trade, or vocational school. Pays up to **\$14,400 per fiscal year**. This program reimburses students for tuition, and fees not covered by other benefits.

Student Loan Repayment Program: Pays up to **\$50,000** directly to the lending institution for existing or future student loans.

College Credit for Military Service: Over 2,300 colleges nation-wide convert military experience into college credits. Converting experience will save time and money. Different colleges accept different credits. Information on the Joint Services Transcript (JST) can help service members write job applications and articulate military experience to civilian employers.

Benefits

Retirement Benefits: If you serve for **20 years** or more you will be entitled to retirement benefits. Any contributions you make in addition toward your retirement are portable should you choose not to serve the full 20 years. Because you are able to hold a civilian job during your enlistment, your Guard benefits will be in addition to other civilian benefits you've earned.

V.A. Home Loans: Let Veterans Affairs help you get into your own house. Guard Soldiers may be eligible for home loans with little to no down payment.

Life, Health, and Dental Insurance: Take advantage of low-cost life insurance, Tricare reserve select health insurance and Tricare dental.

Commissary and Exchange Privileges: Enjoy shopping at military commissary and exchanges around the world, including online shopping.

Space-A Travel and Military Recreational Facilities: Free military flights, if space available, and discounted rates for military recreational facilities world-wide.

Tricare individual \$46 per month	Dental individual \$11.94 per month
Family \$229 per month	Family \$89.53 per month

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Grade	Cumulative years of service			
	< 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6
E-4 Active	\$2,393.40	\$2,652.00	\$2,786.70	\$2,905.50
E-4 Drill	\$319.12	\$353.60	\$371.56	\$387.40
E-3 Active	\$2,160.60	\$2,435.70	\$2,435.70	\$2,435.70
E-3 Drill	\$288.08	\$324.76	\$324.76	\$324.76
E-2 Active	\$2,054.70	\$2,054.70	\$2,054.70	\$2,054.70
E-2 Drill	\$273.96	\$ 273.96	\$ 273.96	\$ 273.96
E-1 Active	\$1,833.30	(E-1 < 4 months = \$1,695.00)		
E-1 Drill	\$244.44	(E-1 < 4 months = \$226.00)		

Drill Pay: The above chart shows pay for training two days a month. Guard Soldiers are paid the equivalent of four days of active duty pay. These days are usually conducted with unit or at military schools. If schedule conflicts arise, training can be made up during the month.

Active Pay: Each year, Guard Soldiers train and receive active duty pay for 15 days of active duty Annual Training (AT), which may involve out-of-state training with their unit, or attending a service school. Active duty pay is also earned while on deployment.

Enlistment Bonus: The National Guard offers several different cash signing bonuses for qualified non-prior service and prior service enlistees. You can receive up to **\$20,000**.