NOTICE OF BASIC ELIGIBILITY (NOBE)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C., Sections 16131 through 16136; E.O. 9397.
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): Information will be used to establish entitlement by eligible 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 educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.
DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide personal information may preclude processing of Notice of Basic Eligibility.

COMPUTER MATCHING: Information provided on the Notice of Basic Eligibility 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. SERVICEMEMBER DATA

a. NAME *(Last, First, Middle Initial)*	b. SSN	c. DATE OF BASIC ELIGIBILITY *(YYYYMMDD)*

d. RESERVE COMPONENT	e. UNIT IDENTIFICATION CODE *(UIC)*	f. UNIT TELEPHONE NO. *(Include Area Code)*

g. HOME MAILING ADDRESS *(HOR) (Street, Apartment No., City, State, and ZIP Code)*	h. UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT
	i. UNIT ADDRESS *(Street, Suite No., City, State, and ZIP Code)*

2. BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

I meet the eligibility criteria for the Selected Reserve Educational Assistance program authorized in Chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S. Code, as follows:

a. On or after October 1, 1990, I have agreed to serve six years in the Selected Reserve. If I am an officer, I agree to serve in the Selected Reserve for six years in addition to any other period of obligated Selected Reserve service I am required to perform.
b. I have (or have completed the requirements for) a high school diploma or an equivalency certificate.
c. I have completed Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT), if required.
d. I am not receiving financial assistance under Section 2107 of title 10 U.S.C. (ROTC Scholarship).

3. SATISFACTORY PARTICIPATION

My basic eligibility to educational assistance benefits depends upon serving satisfactorily the complete 6-year term in the Selected Reserve as prescribed by military regulations. Failure to participate satisfactorily in required Reserve training means I will not be eligible for any benefits from the date of the unsatisfactory participation. **If I fail to participate satisfactorily as a member of the Selected Reserve, I understand I will permanently lose all entitlements under this program and may be:**

a. Ordered to involuntary active duty for a period of up to two years or the period of my obligated service remaining, whichever is less, or
b. Required to refund to the United States part of the money received from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) plus accrued interest for educational assistance under this program. Any refund I may be required to make does not affect my obligation to complete my service agreement in the Selected Reserve.

4. MONTHLY ENTITLEMENTS

I am entitled to a maximum of 36 months of educational assistance based upon full-time pursuit (or the equivalent based upon less than full-time pursuit). Benefits to which I am entitled under this program will be paid by the VA. It is my personal responsibility to apply to the VA in order to receive benefits. I understand I may receive no more than 48 months of benefits under two or more VA programs.

5. AUTHORIZED NON-PARTICIPATION

If I am not able to continue to serve in the Selected Reserve for a valid reason approved by my Reserve component, following a period of satisfactory Reserve participaton, I may be authorized up to one year of nonavailability, or up to three years in cases of a religious missionary obligation or with approval of the Service Secretary. I understand that I must reobligate for any approved period of nonavailability upon reaffiliation with a Reserve component. Failure to affiliate with the Selected Reserve at the end of this period will result in permanent ineligibility to benefits. Only one approved release is permitted during the 10 year benefit period.

6. EXPIRATION

My entitlements to unused educational assistance benefits will normally expire on the earlier of the following two dates:

a. The 10th anniversary of eligibility to benefits if I remain a member in good standing during that period.
b. On the date of separation from the Selected Reserve (except for those members separated from the Selected Reserve for a disability due to no fault of their own, or involuntarily separated during the period of October 1, 1991 through September 30, 1999, due to inactivation of their unit or position. In such case benefits are retained for the entire ten-year period).

7. UNDERSTANDING

I have read and understand each of the statements above and acknowledge that they are intended to constitute official notice and certification of my eligibility for Selected Reserve educational assistance benefits. I understand that this entitlement does not take precedence over forced attrition due to total force management decisions.
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and correct.

a. SERVICEMEMBER

(1) NAME *(Last, First, Middle Initial)*	(2) GRADE	(3) SIGNATURE	(4) DATE SIGNED

b. COMMANDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

(1) NAME *(Last, First, Middle Initial)*	(2) GRADE	(3) SIGNATURE	(4) DATE SIGNED

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