Registration Checklist for Dependents using Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) VA Education Benefits

- Apply for admission to Howard College at [https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX](https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX)
  - Make sure to select Howard College Big Spring

- Visit the Howard College Financial Aid web site at [https://howardcollege.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/](https://howardcollege.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/) to learn about grants, loans and scholarships available.
  - We encourage all students to apply for Financial Aid, even if you don’t think you will qualify for anything. Apply for financial aid at [https://fafsa.ed.gov/](https://fafsa.ed.gov/)

- Apply to use your VA Education Benefits at [https://www.vets.gov/education/apply/](https://www.vets.gov/education/apply/)
  - After the Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA) has processed your application, they will generate a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Submit a copy of to the Veterans Advisor. Normally takes about 30 days to arrive via mail

- Get advised and enroll in classes
  - Meet with Veteran Advisor to discuss degree options and get registered for classes. You can look over degrees and certificates offered by Howard College at [http://catalog.howardcollege.edu/content.php?catoid=13&navoid=522](http://catalog.howardcollege.edu/content.php?catoid=13&navoid=522)
  - If needed, apply for Student Disability Services, more info at [https://howardcollege.edu/ada/](https://howardcollege.edu/ada/)

- Submit Statement of Understanding and VA Benefit Student Information Packet to the Veteran Advisor

- Request a Howard College ID Card
  - San Angelo Campus: M/W 1-3pm; T/Th 8-10am, TC C102D; or schedule appt with kbrosh@howardcollege.edu
  - Big Spring Campus: Dean of Students Office, M/Th 8am-5pm, Fri 8am-3pm
  - Lamesa Campus: Dean of Students Office, M/Th 8am-5pm, Fri 8am-3pm
  - SWICD Campus: Dean of Students Office Big Spring Campus, M/Th 8am-5pm, Fri 8am-3pm