Registration Checklist for Veterans, Service Members, Reservists, and Dependents using VA Education Benefits

- **Apply for admission to Howard College** at [https://www.applytexas.org/adappe/gen/c_start.WBX](https://www.applytexas.org/adappe/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

- **Register for your eBenefits account** at [https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage](https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage)
  - This is where you will access and print VA Education Benefits eligibility information for Post-9/11 GI Bill, view payment history details for all VA benefits, download your DD214 or active/reserve orders, update your contact and bank account information with VA, submit your monthly enrollment verification for Ch. 30 and 1606 to name a few

- **Order Joint Service Transcript (JST) Air Force** at [https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Login/Login.aspx](https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Login/Login.aspx)
- **Order JST USA, USN, USMC, USC** at [https://jst.doded.mil/official.html](https://jst.doded.mil/official.html)

- **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 Form** 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

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