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

o **Apply for admission to Howard College at https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX**
  o Make sure to select Howard College Big Spring

o **Visit the Howard College Financial Aid web site at https://howardcollege.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/ to learn about grants, loans and scholarships available.**
  o 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/

o **Apply to use your VA Education Benefits at https://www.vets.gov/education/apply/**
  o 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

o **Register for your eBenefits account at https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage**
  o 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
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o Order Joint Service Transcript (JST) Air Force at https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Login/Login.aspx
o Order JST USA, USN, USMC, USC at https://jst.doded.mil/official.html

o **Get advised and enroll in classes**
  o 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
  o If needed, apply for Student Disability Services, more info at https://howardcollege.edu/ada/

o **Submit Statement of Understanding and VA Benefit Student Information Form to the Veteran Advisor**

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