

I AM A

**DEPENDENT OF A
VETERAN**

**I WANT TO ATTEND
CERRITOS COLLEGE**



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STEPS TO BECOMING A CERRITOS FALCON

FOR DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS

- ✓ If you plan to use education benefits:
 - Apply for Chapter 35 DEA, VA Educational Benefits at [va.gov/education](https://www.va.gov/education)
 - **Important:** *This benefit will pay the student a stipend directly; the student is then responsible for paying tuition and fees (or can apply for a fee waiver via Financial Aid or CalVet)*
 - Apply for the CalVet Fee Waiver, a California state education benefit at your local county VSO
- ✓ Apply for admission to Cerritos College at [cerritos.edu/go/apply](https://www.cerritos.edu/go/apply)
- ✓ Complete Pre-Registration
 - Online Orientation
 - Self-Reporting Tool (SRT) for Math and English
 - Complete the Residency Reclassification Form with the VRC Office; you will need the veteran's DD214 (if applicable)★
- ✓ Meet with a Veterans Counselor to Create an Approved Educational Plan
 - Bring any unofficial transcripts to your counseling appointment
 - Submit official transcripts to Admissions and Records
- ✓ Enroll in your classes—the VRC can help!
- ✓ Submit your Certification Request online at [cerritos.edu/va/contact](https://www.cerritos.edu/va/contact) (Applicable only if utilizing benefits)*
 - Upload your Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
 - Have the Social Security Number (SSN) of the Veteran
 - *Important: Classes must be certified each semester you would like to utilize your VA education benefits*
- ✓ Apply for Financial Aid at [FAFSA.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov)
 - ★Military-affiliated students may be marked as non-residents even if they currently reside in California



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