



VETERAN FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION PROCESS

We are excited that you are considering Whittier College as the next phase of your journey! To streamline the process please complete the following 7 steps:

- ❖ **1. Complete a Whittier College Application (2 options available):**
 - Option 1 – Common Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/explore/whittier-college>
 - Option 2 – Instant Decision: <https://admission.whittier.edu/portal/counselorconnect>
 - It is FREE to apply either way!
- ❖ **2. You will also need the following to complete a Common Application (Option 1):**
 - **Secondary School Report** from your college/guidance counselor.
 - **Two Letters of Recommendation.** The first letter must come from a teacher who taught you in a STEM, Language Arts, or Social Sciences class. The second letter of recommendation may come from a teacher in any area of study or a counselor, coach, clergy, or employer/supervisor.
 - **Official high school transcripts** reflecting coursework through the junior year for Early Action applications, and through the fall semester of senior year for the Regular Decision applications.
 - **Standardized Test scores (Optional)**
 - Military Transcripts (if applicable).

Send electronic transcripts to: admission@whittier.edu OR mail your official transcripts to:

Office of Admission
Whittier College
13406 Philadelphia St.
Whittier, CA 90608

- ❖ **3. Complete your application by the deadlines:**
 - **Fall Early Action**
 - Application deadline: November 15
 - FAFSA deadline: November 15**
 - Decisions sent: January 15
 - Enrollment deadline: May 1
 - **Fall Regular Decision**
 - Application Deadline: February 1
 - FAFSA and Cal Grant (CA applicants) deadline: March 2**
 - Decisions sent: April 1
 - Enrollment deadline: May 1

- ❖ **4. Complete and submit your Financial Aid Application (FAFSA).**
 - You can complete a FAFSA as early as October 1st.
 - You must add Whittier to the list of recipients (our federal school code is 001342-00).
 - Complete your FAFSA here: www.fafsa.org

- ❖ **5. Complete and submit a VA Benefits Application**
 - You must apply for benefits directly through the VA using the VA Online Application (VONAPP).
 - You can do so here: [How To Apply For The GI Bill | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](http://How To Apply For The GI Bill | Veterans Affairs (va.gov))

- ❖ **6. Schedule a meeting with a First Year Admission Counselor**
 - If you would like some support with the application process or have questions about Whittier College in general, our admission counselors are happy to help.
 - First-Year Appointment: <https://admission.whittier.edu/portal/counselorconnect>

- ❖ **7. Schedule a meeting with the Veteran Resource Center**
 - Contact: veterans@whittier.edu

*****FAFSA deadlines change for each academic year but typically fall around the same time.***