

**It is the Law:**

Virtually all male U.S. citizens, regardless of where they live, and male immigrants, whether documented or undocumented, residing in the United States, who are 18 through 25 years of age, are required to register with Selective Service.

Male students who fail to register with Selective Service before turning age 26 are **ineligible for Title IV Federal Student Financial Aid including, Federal student loans and grant programs, including Pell Grants, Federal Work Study, and Stafford Loans.** Several states have also made Selective Service registration a prerequisite for state financial aid and for matriculation at public colleges and universities.

If you are at least 18 years old and have not yet reached your 26th birthday, you can register for Selective Service by checking the appropriate box on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can access the 2017-2018 FAFSA by going to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. (Note: If you are not yet 18, your data will not be transmitted to the Selective Service System and you will not be registered.) You can also register online at the Selective Service System web site at <https://www.sss.gov/Home/registration>.

**Note:**

**The law says men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday.** That means men are required to register with Selective Service sometime during the 30 days before their 18th birthday, their 18th birthday, and the following 29 days after their 18th birthday – that is a 60-day registration period. Men who do not register with Selective Service within the 60-day window are technically in violation of the law and should register as soon as possible. Late registrations are accepted up to the 26th birthday. However, once a man reaches his 26th birthday and still has not registered with Selective Service, it is too late!

It's important to know that even though a man is registered, he will not automatically be inducted into the military. Registering with Selective Service **does not** mean you are joining the military.

In a crisis requiring a draft, men will be called in a sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth. Then, they will be examined for mental, physical, and moral fitness by the military before being deferred or exempted from military service or inducted into the Armed Forces.

Even if you disagree with the requirement, you should register. Failure to register can have a serious negative impact on your ability to obtain a driver's license, qualify for financial aid, pursue an education, or obtain employment.