



Selective Service Registration

WHAT IS SELECTIVE SERVICE?

Registration is a way our government keeps a list of names of men from which to draw in case of a national emergency requiring rapid expansion of our Armed Forces. By registering all young men, the Selective Service ensures that a future draft will be fair and equitable.

WHO MUST REGISTER?

Men 18 through 25 years old must register for selective service.

HOW TO REGISTER for Selective Service

The easiest and fastest way for a man to register is to register on-line . Or a man can fill out a registration card and send it to the Selective Service System. The form asks for the young man's full name, address, date of birth, telephone number, and Social Security number (if he has one). On a form that is sent in, his signature is also required.

WHERE TO REGISTER

REGISTER ON-LINE

Young men may now register on-line with Selective Service at www.sss.gov.

AT THE POST OFFICE

Selective Service "mail-back" registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office. A man can fill it out, sign (leaving the space for your Social Security Number blank, if you have not yet obtained one*), affix postage, and mail it to Selective Service, without the involvement of the postal clerk. Men living overseas may register at any U.S. Embassy or consular office.*Provide your Social Security Number to the Selective Service when you do obtain one.

BY MAIL

A young man may also register by filling out a Reminder Mailback Card. Selective Service sends this card to many young men around the time they turn 18. Mailback cards are also available at some post offices. A man can fill out the card at home and mail it directly to Selective Service. Forms will be sent to: Selective Service System, Registration Information Office, P.O. Box 94638, Palatine, IL 60094-4638.

CHECK BOX

Another way a young man can register is to check a box on the application form for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA form). A man can check "Yes" on Box #29 of that form, and the Department of Education will furnish Selective Service with the information to register the man.

WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR NOT REGISTERING?

If you do not register, you could be prosecuted and fined up to \$250,000 and/or be put in jail for up to five years. Registration is also a requirement to qualify for Federal student aid, job training benefits, and most Federal employment.