

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM GUIDE

What is the selective service system? ~ The **Selective Service System** is an independent agency of the United States government that maintains information on those potentially subject to military conscription.

Virtually all male U.S. citizens and male immigrant non-citizens between the ages of 18 and 25 are required by law to have registered within 30 days of their 18th birthdays and must notify Selective Service within ten days of any changes to any of the information they provided on their registration cards, like a change of address.

Registration with Selective Service is also required for various federal programs and benefits, including student loans (such as FAFSA), job training, federal employment, and naturalization.

Who must register:

Under current law, all male U.S. citizens between 18–25 years are required to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

- Permanent residents (holders of Green Cards), refugees **MUST** and is **REQUIRED** by law to register in the Selective Service System.
- Foreign males lawfully present in the United States who are non-immigrants, such as international students, visitors, and diplomats, are **NOT REQUIRED** to register.
- If an alien's non-immigrant status lapses while he is in the United States, he will be required to register.
- Females as well as female-to-male transgender individuals who identify as male or have had sexual reassignment surgery are not required to register.

Failure to register

Failure to register could result in serve punishment, so it is best to register when you are asked or when you turn 18.

- Failure to register as required is grounds for denying a petition for U.S. citizenship.
- may be permanently barred from federal jobs and other benefits

How to register

There are 3 way one can register;

1. *Online Registration*
2. *Fillable Registration Form*
3. *Outside US Registration Online*

USEFUL LINK~

➤ Registration

<https://www.sss.gov/Home/Registration>

➤ Status Information Letter

<https://www.sss.gov/Registration/Status-Information-Letter>

➤ Main Website

<https://www.sss.gov/>

➤ Frequently Asked Question

<https://www.sss.gov/Registration/Online-Registration-FAQ>