To be eligible for federal financial aid, federal law requires students who meet all of the following criteria to be registered with the Selective Service System:

- Male (any person assigned the gender of male at birth)
- Age 18 through 25
- U.S. Citizen or immigrant residing in the U.S.

The Selective Service System does not have record of your registration based on the name, Social Security number, and date of birth that you listed on your FAFSA. If you believe you are registered, review the name, Social Security number, and date of birth you listed on your FAFSA.

If you are male or were assigned the gender of male at birth and are not registered:

- Register online or
- Register at any Federal Post Office.

After You Are Registered

Submit a copy of your Registration Acknowledgment Card or Official Letter of Verification. Check the accuracy of your name, Social Security number, and date of birth, and make any corrections through Selective Service by calling (847) 688-3117. Then, submit a copy of the corrected Registration Acknowledgment Card or the Official Letter of Verification by following these steps.

1. Go to the Selective Service Online Registration Search.
2. When you enter your information using the online "Verify Now," and the information you entered matches the information on file, the results will indicate you are successfully registered with the Selective Service System. Print and submit the Official Letter of Verification to our office.
3. If you entered the data incorrectly, there are several reasons why the registration may not be verifiable. Call (847) 688-3117 for further information.

Possible exemptions:

1. If you are female or were assigned the gender of female at birth, submit a copy of your birth certificate.
2. If you are a student who served on active duty in the armed forces, but did not register before turning 26, provide a copy of your DD Form 214, “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty,” showing military service in the armed forces—other than the reserve forces, the Delayed Entry pool, and the National Guard to our office.
3. If you are a male born before 1960 or are not yet 18, you must submit a signed statement indicating the reason why you are NOT required to register with the Selective Service System.
4. If you are here on a valid visa and are at least 18 and less than 26 years old, you must submit a student visa form (I-20) or other valid U.S. passport visa stamp on a foreign passport with an expiration date (the dates must be from entry until after you turned 26).

5. If you were/are a noncitizen who first entered the U.S. after turning 26, or a noncitizen who entered the U.S. as a lawful nonimmigrant on a valid visa and remained in the U.S. on the terms of that visa until after you turned 26, you must provide your proof of immigration date to our office using the following documents:

- Date of birth verification (i.e., birth certificate, driver’s license, state ID, or passport) **AND** one of the following:
  - An I-94 form with an entry date stamp **or**
  - Your passport **or**
  - A letter from the USCIS indicating the entry date

If you do not have proof to support your exemption, and you are 26 or older and did not register with the Selective Service System, you must provide the following documentation to our office:

- "Status Information Letter"
- Signed statement with a complete description about your situation for the period when you were age 18 through 26 regarding where you lived, whether you were incarcerated or institutionalized, and your citizenship status and why you did not register

Information concerning a Status Information Letter request is available on the Selective Service website or by calling (847) 688-6888. To obtain a Status Information Letter from the Selective Service, you will need to provide your name, home address, date of birth, Social Security number, and a complete explanation of the reason(s) for your failure to register. You may call, use the website, or write to the Selective Service.

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