

# HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRARS YOU CAN HELP!

As a High School Registrar, you can help young men take care of an important rite of passage:  
**Selective Service Registration.**

**Selective Service NOW accepts early submission of registration information by 17-year-old men, so inform students at your school that they can submit information to Selective Service at age 17 years and 3 months old and be automatically registered when they turn 18.**

Under federal law, virtually all men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. However, the Selective Service System now accepts early submission of registration information by 17-year-old men. The Agency holds their registration information and automatically enters their data into the system when they turn 18.



**The fastest way to register is on-line at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)**

# What You Need to Know About Registering with SELECTIVE SERVICE

## **[Q] What is Selective Service?**

[A] Selective Service is a government agency whose job is to provide untrained manpower for the Armed Forces if there's a national emergency.

## **[Q] What is Selective Service registration?**

[A] By registering, you add your name to a list of all the men in the nation, ages 18 through 25. The list would be used to identify men for possible military service in case of a national emergency.

## **[Q] What happens if there's a draft?**

[A] There hasn't been a draft since 1973. If there were an emergency sufficient for congress to order another draft, Selective Service would conduct a birth date lottery to decide the order in which to call men. Those who turn 20 during that calendar year would be called first in a sequence determined by the lottery. If more men were needed, those 21 to 25 would be called, youngest first.

## **[Q] Who is required to register?**

[A] The law says that all 18-year-old men (including U.S. citizens living abroad and non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S.) must register. The only young men exempt from registration are non-citizen males who are in the U.S. temporarily as tourists, diplomats and their family members or foreign exchange students; incarcerated or institutionalized men; men on active duty in the Armed Forces; and students at U.S. military academies.

## **[Q] Why don't women have to register?**

[A] Our nation only registers men. This has always been the case. Selective Service law as it is presently written refers specifically to "male persons" in stating who must register and who could be subject to a draft. Therefore, Selective Service procedures do not apply to women. In order for women to be required to register with Selective Service, congress would have to change the wording of the law.

## **[Q] What if I don't register?**

[A] You are breaking the law. If prosecuted, you could be sent to prison for up to 5 years and may be fined up to \$250,000. In addition, if you fail to register, you cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college, job training benefits, and many state and federal jobs.

## **[Q] Is registration hard?**

[A] No. In fact it's never been easier. A young man can register with Selective Service in less than 2 minutes via the Internet at: [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). You can also register by going to your local post office and completing a registration form. It's as simple as filling in your name, address, telephone number, date of birth and social security number. Registration forms should be available in your local recreation or social service center, school's guidance or registrar office, or you may receive a form in the mail. Simply complete it and mail the form to Selective Service.

## **[Q] When should I register?**

[A] Within 30 days of your 18th birthday. If you cannot register on time because you are hospitalized or in prison, you have 30 days in which to register after you are released. If 30 days have already passed since your 18th birthday, register immediately, either online or at your post office. Although Selective Service will accept a late registration, the longer you wait, the longer you are breaking the law and jeopardizing your future benefits.

## **[Q] How do I prove I registered?**

[A] When registering via the Internet, you will receive your Selective Service registration number immediately. That number is your proof of registration - for safekeeping, jot it down. You will receive a Selective Service card by mail within 2 weeks confirming that number. (Note: If you registered by mail, you will receive a card confirming your registration within 60-90 days.) If you don't get your card within 90 days, write to:

**Selective Service System  
Registration Information Office  
P.O. Box 94638  
Palatine, IL 60094-4638**

**Or call 1-847-688-6888**



**Register with  
Selective Service**  

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**[www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)**



Men 18-25

**Register**

now with

**Selective Service**

to stay eligible for jobs,  
employment training, college  
loans, and US citizenship for  
immigrants.



# Register with the Selective Service System.

There is no draft,  
but it is the law.

Virtually all men living in the United States and its citizens abroad are required to register when they turn 18. That includes U.S. immigrants and undocumented men. It's remarkably easy. It'll just take two minutes online on your smart phone @sss.gov or pick up a registration form at any post office.

Contact:





**You've said the  
Pledge of Allegiance  
hundreds of times.**

**Now it's time to put those  
words into actions.**

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[sss.gov](http://sss.gov)



**YOUNG MEN AT YOUR SCHOOL  
HAVE A**

# *Civic Responsibility*



**MAKE SURE THEY KNOW  
WHAT TO DO.**

*Public Address System/Live Read Scripts Enclosed*

## PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM SCRIPTS

These scripts can be used for your morning announcements or for “live reads” on your school’s radio or TV station. Or, use them to produce your own public service announcements.

### SCRIPT FOR PRINCIPAL OR OTHER ADMINISTRATOR

**Principal:** Pay attention! This is an important announcement for all 17 and 18 yr. old men.

Remember that when you turn 18, the law says you must register with Selective Service.

Those who fail to register may be denied student loans, government jobs, and driver’s licenses in most states. In addition, if you are a male immigrant seeking to become a citizen, you must also be registered, regardless of your immigration status.

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If you have any questions regarding registration, please speak with [INSERT NAME OF SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRAR] or your guidance counselor.

Registering with Selective Service is important to your future, it keeps you eligible for many opportunities, and it’s the law.

Thank you.



## SCRIPT FOR ONE STUDENT

This announcement is for all 17 and 18 year old guys out there.

If you aren't registered with Selective Service, get on it!

Federal law says all men living in the U.S. must register within a month of their 18th birthday. Registering keeps us eligible for college loans, job training, government jobs and driver's license renewal in most states. And if you're a male immigrant, you *have* to be registered. Regardless of your immigration status.

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So, register today. Your future depends on it.

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