



May 2024

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

The Selective Service System is engaging County Boards to share information about the registration requirement for 18-year-old men. The compliance rate in your county is less than 50 percent of 18-year-old males who are required to register.

Under federal law, a person is required to register with Selective Service within thirty days of their 18th birthday. The law allows for late registration through the age of 25. Once a man turns 26 it is too late to register, and thus ineligible for the following:

- employment in the Executive branch of the federal government;
- state and local employment in a majority of states;
- state based student aid in a majority of states;
- matriculation to a state funded university in eight states; and
- job/vocational training and other assistance administered by state governments under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

We find that most people who failed to register were unaware of the registration requirement. To combat this lack of awareness, we engage in as many outreach opportunities as possible and run targeted advertising to the demographic required to register.

As leaders and influencers in your communities, we encourage you to educate your constituents about the federal requirements and the benefits that are at risk for failure to register. We would hate to disadvantage young people in communities who are working hard to better themselves and their families.

Congress took an excellent step in making higher education more accessible by substantially reducing the number of questions on the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) when passing the FAFSA Simplification Act of 2020. But as you are aware, new laws have both positive and negative impacts. Elimination of the Selective Service System registration question from the FAFSA was a significant blow to nationwide registration rates, with a particularly negative impact in the states without auto-registration. California is one of only 10 states that lacks an auto-enrollment mechanism for constituents.

While California does not condition eligibility for state and local employment nor state-based student aid on registration, constituents who fail to register and who move or attend schools outside of the Golden State may be negatively impacted. For those who make the decision to remain in the state, there are more than 142,000 federal civilian jobs in California, each of which require registration with Selective Service.

Additionally, immigrants who fail to register may face up to a five-year delay in obtaining citizenship – and both versions of the DREAM Act pending in the U.S. House and Senate condition eligibility on registration with Selective Service.

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Enclosed is a trifold and registration card with QR codes to the registration portal. We can mail more materials should you need additional pamphlets or, if you prefer, digital versions of the enclosures to include in newsletters or on your website. Please contact Erin Courtney at ecourtney@sss.gov for additional supplies.

Finally, we have enclosed a draft proclamation in support of Selective Service registration and education of the federal requirements should your Board chose to further encourage constituents to register.

Thank you again for your consideration and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Requested by: United States Selective Service

RESOLUTION

A Resolution of [NAME] County Board of Supervisors encouraging all eligible individuals to register with the Selective Service System.

Whereas, to achieve compliance with federal law, 50 U.S.C. 3801 et seq., requires, with few exceptions, that all male U.S. citizens and male immigrants residing in the United States who are 18 through 25 years of age register with Selective Service; and

Whereas, the Nation is well served by maintaining the Selective Service System as a fair, equitable and relatively low cost program to support national emergencies in a dangerous and uncertain world; and

Whereas, sharing information about the federal requirement and access points to registration for men 18 through 25 will guard against ineligibility of benefits; and

Whereas, failure to register may jeopardize a young man's eligibility for financial aid in many states, federal employment, some state employment, security clearances for contractors, job training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and U.S. citizenship for immigrant men; and

Whereas, Selective Service registration symbolizes our national resolve to service; and, it is the only time-proven means of mobilizing America's manpower for a significant crisis in a timely, orderly manner;

Now, therefore, the [NAME County Board of Supervisors] hereby expresses support for the Selective Service System, urges all eligible individuals to comply with the registration requirements of the law. We call upon those eligible to fulfil their legal obligation to register and to commend those who have already registered with the Selective Service System.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

[County Board of Supervisors]
CITY, California

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REGISTER WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE

Remain eligible for:

- Student Aid
- Federal Employment
- State Employment
- Job Training
- Expedited Citizenship

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WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER?

Federal law requires men, ages 18 through 25, to register with the Selective Service System.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration typically takes a few minutes, online, by mail, or at your local post office.

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to secure your future!**

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minutes, online or by mail, and opens
doorways to numerous opportunities
such as:

- Student Aid
- Federal Employment
- State Employment
- Job Training
- Expedited Citizenship



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In a national emergency, Congress and the President may decide that additional personnel support is needed in some form and utilize the registry.



The list is only used if Congress and the President agree and instruct the Selective Service to activate the registry in a fair and equitable manner based on the nation's requirements.



If the registry is ever used, information would be communicated to the public via a variety of channels including traditional and modern media.



DO WOMEN HAVE TO REGISTER?

Under federal law, women are not required to register.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR?

All men are required to register. In the case of conscription, Selective Service manages a program for those who seek alternative service in support of the nation.

At that time, individuals would be given the opportunity to discuss personal cases with boards located at the local level.

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