

Get Help With Career And College Assistance

(NAPSA)—Their high school can help young men get good jobs and money for college in a surprising way.

That's because with the help of the high school registrar, students can sign up with the Selective Service System. Any young man who doesn't do so within 30 days of turning 18 is not only breaking the law, he's ineligible for Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study and Guaranteed Student PLUS Loans, federal job training and federal jobs.

Fortunately, fulfilling this obligation can be simple. In addition to going to see a volunteer high school registrar, you can check block #22 on the Federal FAFSA Student Aid Application or go online at www.sss.gov from a smartphone or computer. You can also get a registration form at any U.S. post office.

To help keep things clear, here are the answers to some common questions about the Military Selective Service Act:

Q. Who has to register?

A. All young men, including immigrants, regardless of their status, are required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Immigrants who arrive after their 18th birthday must register within 30 days of their arrival if younger than 26.

Q. In addition to being in compliance with the law, what are the benefits of registering?

A. Proof of registration is required when applying for many college loans and grants as well as jobs.

It is also necessary for jobs



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with many state and municipal governments as well as government contractors. Some places even require it when applying for a driver's license.

In addition, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) makes registration with Selective Service a condition for U.S. citizenship for any man who first arrived in the U.S. before his 26th birthday.

Q. What happens if I don't register?

A. A man who fails to register may, if prosecuted and convicted, face a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or a prison term of up to five years.

Q. What if I don't live in the U.S.?

A. Young Americans living overseas may register at any U.S. Embassy or consular office.

Q. How can I find out more?

A. For further facts and to sign up, go to www.sss.gov.