

Tips From The Selective Service System Signing Up Online

(NAPSA)—Today's technology may mean that a required rite of passage for young American men is much easier than it was for previous generations.

Registering with the Selective Service System can now be done online using an iPhone, BlackBerry or other smartphone or computer. Here's how:

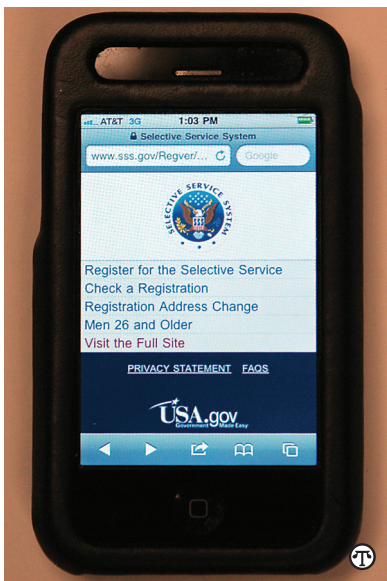
You are required by law to register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of your 18th birthday. You may even submit your registration information as early as 17 years and 3 months. Now you can do either by logging on to www.sss.gov and clicking on the registration icon. It only takes a minute to complete and submit the online form. If you're 18, you will receive your registration number instantly. If you are submitting information earlier than 18, then Selective Service will process your application when you turn 18, and send you your registration number in the mail.

If you prefer a more traditional method, you can visit any U.S. Postal Service branch to get a Selective Service "mail-back" registration form. Men living overseas may register at any U.S. embassy or consular office.

In addition, most high schools appoint a staff member or teacher to serve as Selective Service Registrar. These individuals help to register young men and answer questions.

Eligible men can also register by filling out a "reminder mail-back card." Selective Service will send this card to any young man around the time he turns 18. Mail-back cards are also available at some post office branches.

Another easy way to register is to check a box on the application form for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA



An online website makes registering with the Selective Service System using an iPhone, BlackBerry or other smartphone or computer a cinch.

form). Checking "yes" on box 29 of this form will alert the Department of Education to send your information.

Once you register, you become eligible for Pell Grants, College Work-Study and Guaranteed Student/PLUS Loans.

Another advantage of signing up promptly is that it makes you eligible for federal job training via the Workforce Investment Act, as well as numerous federal jobs.

Registering is also the only path to citizenship for immigrant men arriving in the U.S. before their 26th birthday.

According to U.S. law, virtually all male citizens—even those living overseas—and immigrants to the country need to register with the Selective Service System.

For more information or to register, visit www.sss.gov. You can also call (888) 655-1825.