

# Selective Service Requirement for Student Financial Aid Eligibility

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## Requirements

If a person is required to be registered with the Selective Service System, he must have registered before he can receive student financial aid. With few exceptions, all males between the ages of 18 through 25 are required to register with the Selective Service System. This includes all students with permanent resident and other eligible noncitizenship statuses. Additional information is available under the Selective Service System Web site: <http://www.sss.gov/>.

## Assumptions

The Financial Aid Office assumes that an immigrant or refugee in the required age range who is required to register and living overseas will be given forms by the Department of State on which the individual **certifies** that he will register with Selective Service when he arrives in the United States. Furthermore, it is assumed that immigrants and non-citizens adjusting status within the United States will be informed by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, of the requirement to register [Section 3 of the Military Service Act, 50 U.S.C. App 453(a)]. Unless the student can demonstrate otherwise, he will be denied eligibility for student financial aid.

## Appeal Procedures

If you receive a comment on your Student Aid Report, or you are advised by the College Financial Aid Office that your registration could not be confirmed by the Selective Service System, you must provide the College Financial Aid Office with additional documentation to determine your eligibility for financial aid. You must present one of the following documents:

1. Selective Service Registration Acknowledgment or Verification postcard with registration number, or
2. Letter of registration confirmation from the Selective Service System with registration number.

## Denials Based on Exceeding Age Range

A student who failed to register before his 26th birthday will be denied student financial aid unless he can demonstrate that he did not knowingly and willfully fail to register. A student must present documentation described below for further consideration:

1. A copy his DD Form 214, member copy 4, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty." A student who served on active duty with the Armed Forces may be exempt from the age provisions.
2. A Status Information Letter from the Selective Service System concerning failure to register. This may be obtained by calling the Selective Service Inquiry telephone number at 1-847-688-6888.

*If you wish to appeal the decision regarding denial of student financial aid, you must take the appropriate actions as outlined on the back of this form.*

# Appeal to Denial of Student Financial Aid Due to Selective Service Requirement

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

A. Check the appropriate exemption to the Selective Service Requirement and provide documentation:

I was unable to register with the Selective Service System because I was hospitalized, incarcerated or institutionalized during the entire time I was 18 through 25 years of age.

I am a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service on active duty or a member of the Reserve of the Public Health Service.

I am a commissioned officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Take the following actions if you failed to register with the Selective Service System before your 26th birthday.

1. Call the Selective Service System at 1-847-688-6888 during the hours 7:30 am – 6:00 pm Central Standard Time regarding your circumstance. You should be prepared to describe in detail the circumstances that prevented you from registering.

2. After your call, complete any documents provided by the Selective Service System. The required Status Information Letter, is also available on the Selective Service System Website, [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

3. Attach a copy of the Selective Service System Status Information Letter to this form.

4. Describe your circumstance in detail here. Consider where you were living when you were between the ages of 18 and 25, your citizenship status, if applicable, etc. Attach documentation to support your appeal. Print or type legibly. Attach separate pages as necessary.