

Selective Service Appeal

Federal regulations require men aged 18 through 25 to register with Selective Service. This requirement covers men residing in the United States who are U.S. citizens or noncitizens, except that a man who is in the U.S. as a lawful nonimmigrant is not required to register as long as he maintains that status.

A match with Selective Service records shows that you did not register for Selective Service. If you have been denied aid because you failed to register with Selective Service before your 26th birthday, you will need to prove to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee that your nonregistration was not knowing and willful. To do this, you will need to provide:

1. A status information letter from Selective Service, and
2. A signed statement clearly indicating the reason(s) that you did not register with Selective Service. You should provide a complete description and as much detail as possible regarding your situation; include such things as where you were living between the ages of 18 and 25 and what factors could have led you to not know you were required to register.

Request an official Selective Service response saying you were or were not required to register:

BY PHONE • Call Selective Service at 1-847-688-6888. Your call will be answered by an automated voice processing system. Please refrain from pressing any numbers, and an operator will soon come on the line to assist you. Request a “Status Information Letter.”

ONLINE • Visit the website: www.sss.gov. Refer to the menu option “Registration.” Scroll down and click on “Status Information Letter.” Follow the instructions for requesting the status letter.

Final Decision: The Financial Aid Office, not Selective Service, will determine whether you have shown that your failure to register was not a knowing and willful failure to register. The final decision regarding your eligibility will be made by the Financial Aid Office.