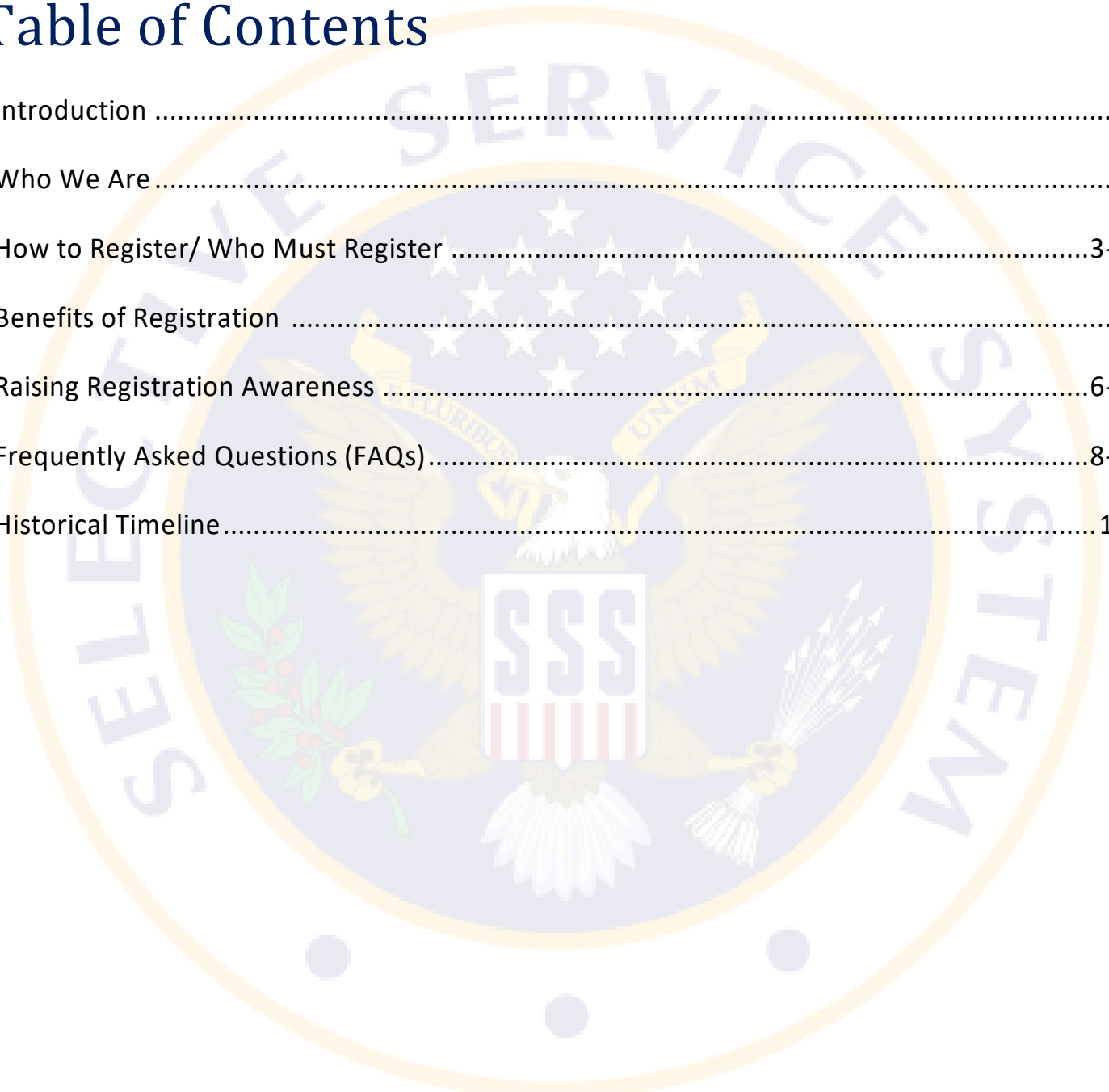


SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM NFHS LEADERS TOOLKIT



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Introduction

The Selective Service System (SSS) values the dedicated leadership and influence your organization provides to the young men involved in athletic programs nationwide. Serving as a central component in the development of your community, our Agency would like to elaborate on the opportunities provided to young men when registering with the Selective Service System.

The NFHS Leaders Toolkit is a resource utilized among athletic directors, coaches, and administrators. Each section will provide information to promote registration and raise awareness of this requirement throughout the Nation. The Selective Service System continues to deliver inspiring and positive messaging to our communities, outlining the benefits associated with registering. We ask that you share the requirement to register with the young men in your life.



The support provided in helping communities learn this essential civic duty is invaluable to the future of our youth. Thank you for providing this vital information to your community and educating the public on the value of registering with the Selective Service System.

Who We Are

The Selective Service System has been a distinguished part of history for over a century, spanning throughout eras of conflict, as well as peacetime. Our small but extraordinary mission is to provide personnel during a time of national crisis; in short, the Selective Service System is our Nation's best insurance policy. Federal law requires all men ages 18-25 who are U.S. citizens and those who have dual citizenship living abroad to register within 30 days of their eighteenth birthday. Most young men register when obtaining a driver's license or applying for federal student aid when enrolling in college.

Selective Service System registration ensures our government is equipped with the task force needed in the event of a national emergency and to register men and maintain a system that, when authorized by the President and Congress:

- (1) Rapidly provides personnel in a fair and equitable manner*
- (2) Manages an alternative service program for conscientious objectors*

The Military Selective Service Act (MSSA) requires men to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Once a man turns 26, he is unable to register with the Selective Service System and may become ineligible for the following:

- (1) Employment with the federal government*
- (2) Federal Student Aid (FASFA)*
- (3) Federal job training*

How to Register

Men ages 18-25 can register one of the following ways:

- Online by visiting sss.gov/register (must have Social Security Number).
- Using the printable registration form <http://www.sss.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Form-1.pdf>
- At any U.S. post office by filling out the SSS Form 1
- Some Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices when obtaining a driver's license (visit sss.gov/register/state-commonwealth-legislation to learn more)
- Applying for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Who Must Register

Category	
All male U.S. citizens born after Dec. 31, 1959, who are 18 but not yet 26 years old, except as noted below:	Yes
Military Related	
Cadets at the Merchant Marine Academy	Yes
ROTC Students	Yes
National Guardsmen and Reservists not on active duty / Civil Air Patrol members	Yes
Delayed Entry Program enlistees	Yes
Men rejected for enlistment for any reason before age 26	Yes
Separatees from Active Military Service, separated for any reason before age 26	Yes
Members of the Armed Forces on active duty (active duty for training does not constitute "active duty" for registration purposes)	No
Students in Officer Procurement Programs at the Citadel, University of North Georgia, Norwich University, Virginia Military Institute, Texas A&M University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	No
Cadets and Midshipmen at Service Academies or Coast Guard Academy	No
Immigrants	
Permanent resident immigrants (USCIS Form I-551)	Yes
Refugee, parolee, and asylee immigrants	Yes
Undocumented immigrants	Yes
Dual national U.S. citizens	Yes
Lawful non-immigrants on current non-immigrant visas. A complete list of acceptable documentation for exemption may be found at DocumentationList.pdf (sss.gov)	No
Seasonal agricultural workers (H-2A Visa)	No
Confined	
Incarcerated, or hospitalized, or institutionalized for medical reasons	No
Handicapped, Physically or Mentally	
Able to function in public with or without assistance	Yes
Continually confined to a residence, hospital, or institution	No
Transgender People	
U.S. citizens or immigrants who are born male and have changed their gender to female	Yes
Individuals who are born female and have changed their gender to male	No

Benefits of Registration

The benefits accompanied by registering with the Selective Service System are paramount to a young man's life. To date, approximately 17 million men have already registered and have benefited from opportunities including low-interest rates on federal student aid, nearly 2.5 million jobs with the federal government, and scholarships for college, such as the Pell Grant. Additional opportunities include:

- *\$120 billion in Federal Student aid*
- *2.1 million Federal civilian jobs & nearly 500,000 U.S. Postal Service jobs*
- *Streamlining the process for citizenship*

Federal Student Aid

Men who registered with the Service before age 26 can qualify for federal student loans or grant programs including Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Direct Stafford Loans/Plus Loans, National Direct Student Loans, and College Work Study.

Federal Job Training

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) offers programs that can train young men seeking vocational employment or enhancing their career. This program is only open to those men who register with the Selective Service System. Only men born after December 31, 1959, are required to show proof of registration.

Federal Jobs

A man must be registered to be eligible for jobs in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government and the U.S. Postal Service. Proof of registration is required only for men born after December 31, 1959.



Raising Registration Awareness: Outreach Letter

Our Agency has comprised an example letter that can be utilized as a tool to be distributed to teachers, administrators, or superintendents. This outreach letter will help the Selective Service System mission as we continue to communicate the importance of registering men in a fair and equitable manner.

[Organization/Contact Name],

Throughout communities nationwide, young men are unintentionally discounting one of our Nation's most important civic duties; to register with the Selective Service System (SSS).

Just like voting is a civic duty, registering with the Selective Service System is equally valuable and provides many opportunities and benefits for young men. Our small but extraordinary mission is to provide personnel during a time of national crisis; in short, the Selective Service System is our Nation's insurance policy. To date, approximately 17 million men have already registered with the Selective Service System and benefited from opportunities that include:

- *\$120 billion in Federal Student aid.*
- *2.1 million Federal civilian jobs & nearly 500,000 U.S. Postal Service jobs.*
- *Streamlining the process for citizenship.*

It is our mission to continuously register men in a fair and equitable manner. Please consider our call to action, and explain to the young men involved in your life the significance of registering with the Selective Service System. It is your Country; please take one minute to protect it.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Raising Registration Awareness: Social Media

This section can be utilized as a tool to bring registration awareness to young men through various social media platforms. We have listed several social media examples as a guide.

Topic/Fact	Sample Facebook Post	Sample Twitter Post
Who needs to register?	<p><i>Do your students need to register with the Selective Service? Watch and share this quick video to discover who is required to register and the benefits associated with registration.</i></p> <p><i>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKr6a4bGs5M to learn more.</i></p>	<p><i>Watch and share this quick video to find out who needs to register with Selective Service. Visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKr6a4bGs5M to learn more.</i></p>
Remind players to register	<p><i>As summer kicks off, remind your players to register with Selective Service. It will keep them eligible for student aid and some athletic scholarships. Visit sss.gov to register today!</i></p>	<p><i>Coaches, remind your players to register with Selective Service at sss.gov. It will keep them eligible for student aid and for some athletic scholarships.</i></p>
Message to parents	<p><i>With the fall semester fast approaching, are you wondering how to keep your son eligible for student aid? Watch Uncle Sam explain at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKgmsfQFLZc.</i></p>	<p><i>Are you wondering how to keep your son eligible for student aid?</i></p> <p><i>Watch Uncle Sam explain at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKgmsfQFLZc.</i></p>
Message to coaches	<p><i>Fellow coaches, we want our players to succeed on and off the field in life. Make sure they're set up for success by reminding them to register with Selective Service. This keeps them eligible for benefits like athletic scholarships, grants, and loans. Go to sss.gov to learn more.</i></p>	<p><i>Make sure your players are set up for success by reminding them to register with Selective Service. This keeps them eligible for benefits like athletic scholarships, grants, and loans. Go to sss.gov to learn more.</i></p>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is Selective Service System registration?

Registration helps us maintain a list of names to draw in case of a national emergency requiring rapid expansion of our Armed Forces. By registering all young men, the SSS ensures that a future draft would be fair and equitable.

NOTE: Registering with the SSS does not mean you are joining the military

Why do we need the Selective Service System if a future draft is unlikely?

America's leaders agree that despite the success of the All-Volunteer Force, registration with Selective Service System must continue as a key component of national security strategy.

I am applying for financial aid (FAFSA) and I'm not 18 yet. It requires me to be registered, but how can I do that before my 18th birthday?

If the student applying for financial aid indicates he is not yet 18 years old, he is not required to register with SSS for FAFSA. He can pre-register online at www.sss.gov if he is at least 17 years and 3 months old. In that case, his registration will be processed once he turns 18 years old.

The Department of Education's Student Financial Aid Handbook provides guidance for school registrars relating to SSS registration. In this Handbook, it clearly states the following:

Students who are exempt include:

- *Males who are not yet 18 at the time that they complete their FAFSA (an update is not required during the year, even if a student turns 18 after completing the application)*

Can men under the age of 18 register for the Selective Service System?

Yes. The Selective Service System accepts early registrations as young as 17 years and 3 months. If an applicant registers early, Selective Service will hold their information until 30 days before their 18th birthday. At that time, Selective Service will process their registration and the registrant will receive a registration acknowledgment card in the mail confirming their Selective Service registration.

Does the Selective Service System share any information that would indicate a man's immigration status?

The Selective Service System has not now, nor in the past, collected or shared any information which would indicate a man's immigration status, either documented or undocumented. SSS has no authority to collect such information, has no use for it, and it is irrelevant to the registration requirement. Consequently, there is no immigration data to share with anyone.

How does a person determine if they are registered with the Selective Service System?

If an individual is unsure of their registration status, visit sss.gov and click "verify registration." The tab will prompt the individual to enter their last name, social security number, and date of birth. This will provide the registration status with a copy of their registration acknowledgment letter form. If they are not successful in verifying their registration status online, please call the SSS Registration Information Office at 1-847-688-6888.

Who is exempt from registration?

There are few cases when a man is exempt from the registration requirement. Men who are exempt do not have a Selective Service System registration number and are in compliance with federal law. The few individuals who are exempt from this requirement are those on current non-immigrant visas. A complete list of acceptable documentation for exemption may be found by visiting: <https://www.sss.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/DocumentationList.pdf>.

What is the penalty for not registering?

Failure to register with the Selective Service System is a violation of the Military Selective Service Act. A conviction for such a violation may result in imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine of not more than \$250,000. However, the most likely result is the loss of federal benefits tied to SSS registration. If a draft is ever needed, it must be as fair and equitable as possible. For every young man who fails to register, another man would be required to take his place in service in the event of a draft.

Historical Timeline of the Selective Service System

The Selective Service System has advanced considerably from its original conception, and while military conscription has been traditionally used in the United States since the American Revolution, young men have not been called for service or draft in nearly fifty years.

If you would like to learn more about Selective Service's history, please visit [Historical Timeline | Selective Service System : Selective Service System \(sss.gov\)](#)

