

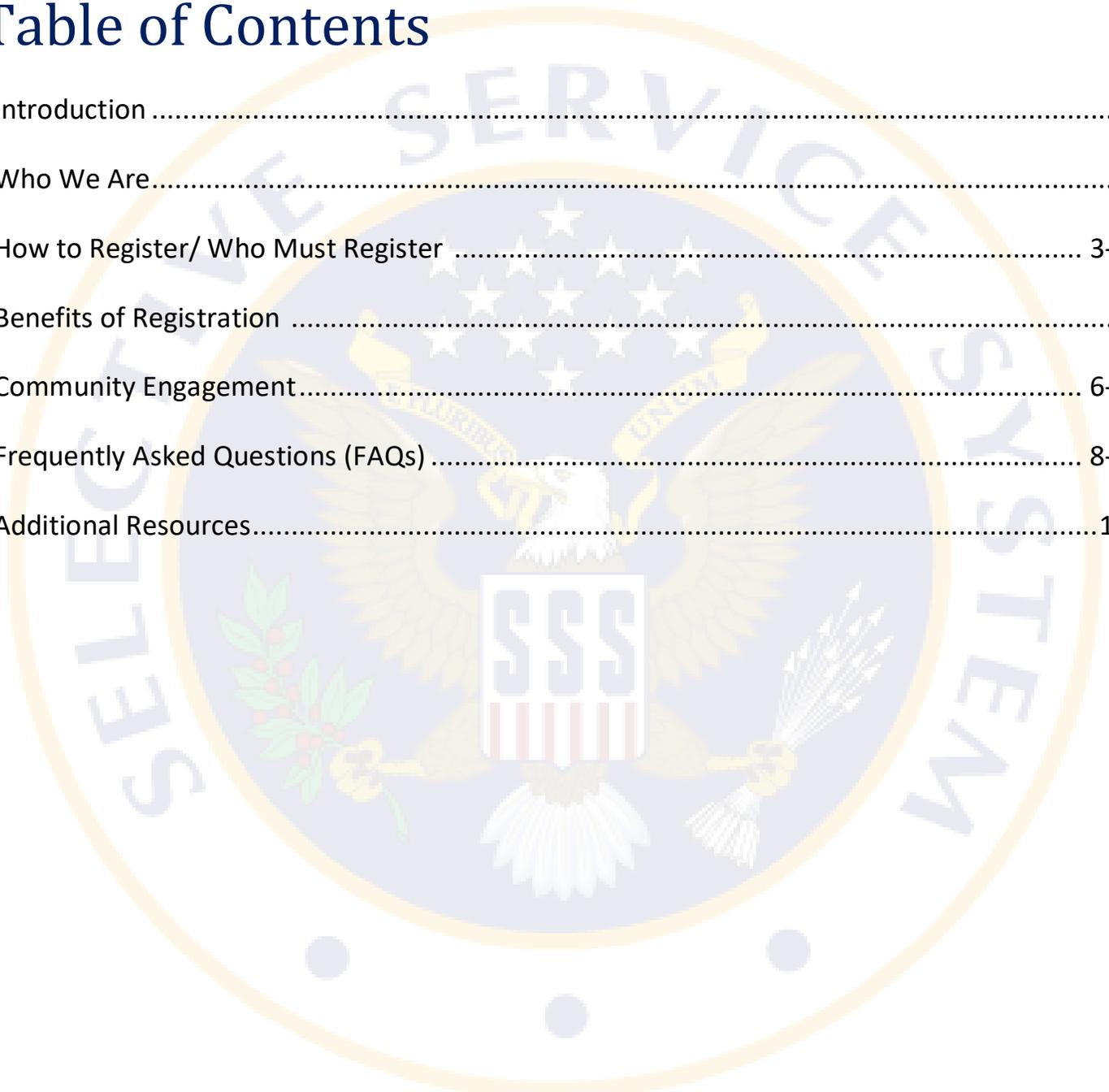
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM



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**CIVIC ORGANIZATION
TOOLKIT**

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Introduction

Selective Service System (SSS) appreciates the dedicated leadership and contribution your organization provides through local civic engagement. We salute your efforts in forwarding community involvement and civic responsibility. As your organization has significant influence throughout the community, we would like to elaborate on the opportunities provided to young men when registering with the Selective Service.

The Civic Organization Toolkit is a resource utilized among community groups, parent teacher associations, civic leagues, and more. Each section of the toolkit will provide information on how your organization can promote registration and raise awareness in your community. We continue to deliver inspiring and positive messaging to our communities, ensuring young men understand the benefits associated with registering.

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.

Selective Service 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*

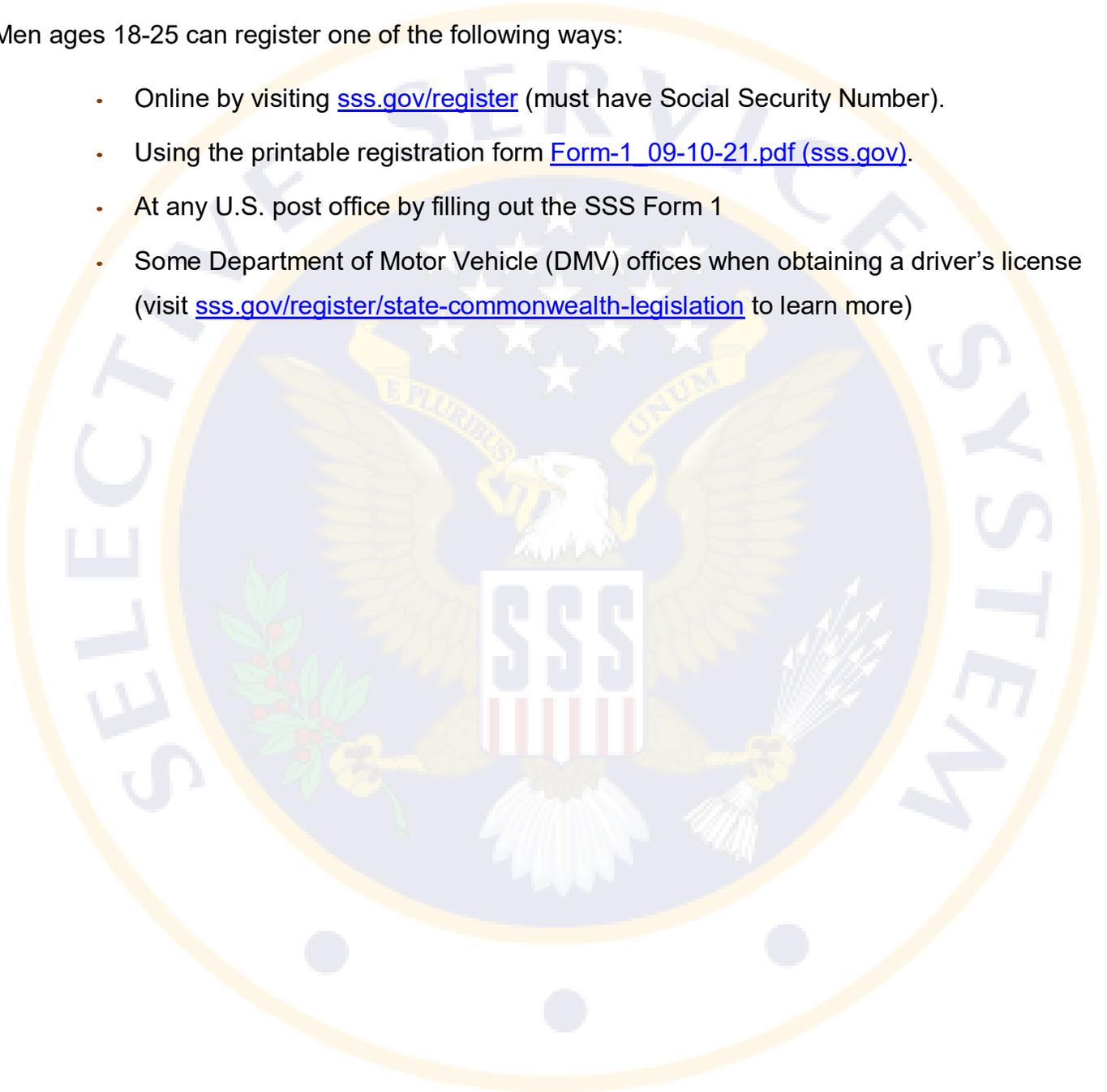
The Military Selective Service Act (MSSA) requires men to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Once a man turns 26, he is unable to register with the Selective Service System and may become ineligible for the following:

- Many student loans, scholarships, and grants
- Free job training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Millions of Federal and State government jobs
- A streamlined process for citizenship

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 [Form-1_09-10-21.pdf \(sss.gov\)](https://sss.gov/Form-1_09-10-21.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)



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 student loans, scholarships, and grants, and more than 4 million federal and local government jobs.

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 Email

Our Agency has comprised an example letter that can be utilized as a tool to be included in your next community newsletter. This letter will help you share the Selective Service System mission with your community and better communicate the importance and benefits of registration.

[Dear Parents],

Registration with the Selective Service System (SSS) is not only crucial for the safety of our country but ensures young men have the opportunity to receive benefits linked to Selective Service registration.

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:

- *Student loans, scholarships, and grants*
- *Millions of Federal jobs & nearly 500,000 U.S. Postal Service jobs*
- *Streamlining the process for citizenship*

To learn more about Selective Service registration, please visit sss.gov/parents. Thank you for your support in improving and protecting our community and country.

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 mentees need to register with the Selective Service? Watch and share this quick video to discover simple facts about Selective Service registration and how it affects their future.</i></p> <p>https://youtu.be/w-6KhJkQQK8</p>	<p><i>Hello Mentors! Watch and share this quick video to find out more information about @sss_gov and how it affects your mentees.</i></p> <p>https://youtu.be/w-6KhJkQQK8</p>
Message to young men	<p><i>Young people play an important role in our community’s development. By registering with the Selective Service, you could continue making a positive impact in our community. Registration keeps men eligible for many local and federal jobs. Learn more at sss.gov.</i></p>	<p><i>Young people play an important role in our community’s development. By registering with @sss_gov, you could continue making a positive impact in our community with a Federal government career. Visit sss.gov to learn more.</i></p>
Message to parents	<p><i>With the spring semester fast approaching, are you wondering how to keep your son eligible for Federal jobs when he graduates? Watch Uncle Sam explain at</i></p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44ITserOq7Q</p>	<p><i>Are you wondering how to keep your son eligible for Federal jobs when he graduates?</i></p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44ITserOq7Q</p>
Message to parents	<p><i>#Parenting in 2021 is no easy task, and helping your son register with the Selective Service should be quick and easy. Grab your son and head over to sss.gov. It takes less than 1 minute and sets him up for a successful future.</i></p>	<p><i>#Parenting in 2021 is no easy task, and helping your son register with @sss_gov should be quick and easy. Grab your son and head to sss.gov. It takes less than 1min and sets him up for a successful future.</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.

Why aren't women required to register with Selective Service?

Selective Service law as it's written now refers specifically to "male persons" in stating who must register and who would be drafted. For women to be required to register with Selective Service, Congress would have to amend the law.

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.

Additional Resources

[Official Posters](#)

[Awareness Video Playlist](#)

[Education Based Videos for Students](#)

[Career Based Video Playlist](#)

[Public Service Announcements](#)

[Historical Timeline](#)

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