Why don't women have to register?

The Military Selective Service Act, as it is presently written, refers specifically to "male persons" in stating who must register.

Therefore Selective Service procedures do not apply to women. Congress would have to change the law to require women to register with Selective Service.

What is Selective Service Registration?

Selective Service registration is required by law as the first part of a fair and equitable system that, if authorized by the President and Congress, would rapidly provide personnel to the Department of Defense while at the same time providing an alternative service program for conscientious objectors.

How can men register?





Register online at sss.gov



Paper forms at U.S. Post Offices



Call 1.888.655.1825 (bilingual support available)





Register with the Selective Service System **To remain eligible for...**

- Student Loans and Grants
- Federal Job Training
- Government Jobs
- U.S. Citizenship (delayed up to 5 years)

All men, U.S. citizens, and immigrants, who are 18-25 years old, are required to register with Selective Service.



Since 1980, over 92 million men have already registered with the Selective Service and have benefited from opportunities, including access to many student loans and scholarships, nearly 2.7 million jobs with the federal government, free job training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and in some cases, a streamlined process for citizenship.

