

WHAT CAN I DO IF I DID NOT REGISTER AND AM NOW 26 OR OLDER?

If you are now being denied federal student aid because you failed to register before age 26, you must first obtain a Status Confirmation Letter from Selective Service. After obtaining the Status Confirmation Letter, submit it to the Financial Aid Office along with a written statement detailing the reasons for your failure to register. Offer as much evidence supporting your case and as much detail as possible.

HOW CAN I REQUEST A STATUS CONFIRMATION LETTER FROM SELECTIVE SERVICE?

Request a Status Confirmation Letter online at: <http://www.sss.gov> or call 1-847-688-6888. On the request form you will describe, in detail, the circumstances you believe prevented you from registering and provide copies of documents showing any periods when you were hospitalized, institutionalized, or incarcerated occurring between your 18th and 26th birthdays. If you are a non-citizen, you may be required to provide documents that show when you entered the United States

You will receive a written response from Selective Service in about 6 weeks. This response must be submitted to the financial aid office along with your written statement and any other documents you feel supporting your case.

FINAL DECISION

The college's Financial Aid Office, not Selective Service, will determine whether you have shown sufficiently that your failure to register was not knowing and willful. The final decision regarding your eligibility for financial aid will be made by the Financial Aid Office according to guidelines furnished by the U.S. Department of Education. Any decision made by the Financial Aid Office concerning your federal aid eligibility is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

FOR FASTEST RESULTS REGISTER ONLINE:

<http://www.sss.gov>

MORE QUESTIONS?

E-MAIL US:
finaid@bmcc.cuny.edu

PHONE US
212-220-1430



NEED A COMPUTER TO REGISTER WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE?

The **BMCC Financial Aid Web Lab**, located in N-764, is available for you to register with Selective Service online. You can use the lab to print out confirmation of your registration immediately instead of waiting 90 days.

INFORMATION GUIDE

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WHAT IS SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION?

Selective Service registration provides the federal government with a list of men from which to draw in case of a national emergency that would require a rapid expansion of our Armed Forces.

WHO MUST REGISTER WITH SELECTIVE

All men between the ages of 18-26 are required to register under the law. The exceptions to this rule are very few and include: nonimmigrant aliens on student, visitor, or diplomatic visas, men on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces; and cadets and midshipmen in the Service Academies and certain other U.S. military colleges. All other men must register upon reaching age 18 (or before age 26, if entering and taking up residence in the U.S. when already older than 18). Disabled men, clergymen, and men who believe themselves to be conscientiously opposed to war must register because there is no draft in effect, nor is there a program to classify men at this time. Should the Congress and the President reinstate a draft, a classification program would begin to determine a registrant's suitability for military service, and for registrants to claim exemptions, deferments, or postponements. To be inducted, men would have to meet the physical mental and administrative standards established by the military services.

WHAT IF I DON'T REGISTER?

Under the law, if you do not register, you could be prosecuted, fined or jailed. Registration is also a requirement to qualify for federal job training benefits and most federal employment. If you were born after December 31, 1959, you must be registered with Selective Service to qualify for federal student loans or grant programs. This includes Pell Grants, College Work Study, Direct Student/Plus loans and Perkins Loans.

ARE MEN WITH CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Yes, unless Selective Service is provided with documented evidence that the man is hospitalized or institutionalized; or home-bound and unable to function outside the home, with or without physical assistance; or is in such a physical or mental condition that he would not comprehend the nature of his registration with the Selective Service System. Selective Service then would determine whether or not the man qualifies for exemption from registration.

HOW CAN I REGISTER?

The quickest way to register is online at the Selective Service website: <http://www.sss.gov>. You will be able to print out a registration acknowledgement immediately.

A second way is to indicate on your FAFSA that you wish to be registered. As part of the processing of your FAFSA, the application processor will forward your registration information to Selective Service automatically.

You may register by completing a Selective Service registration form at any U.S. Post Office or you may submit the form by mail directly to Selective Service. If you register in this way, you will have to wait several weeks for your form to be processed and a registration acknowledgement to be sent to you. If registering by mail, send registration forms to:

Selective Service System
P.O. Box 94739
Palatine, IL 60094-4638

I'M ALREADY REGISTERED. HOW CAN I FIND OUT MY SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION NUMBER?

Check online at: <http://www.sss.gov> or call the Selective Service registration information line at 1-847-688-6888.

I REGISTERED TWO MONTHS AGO AT THE POST OFFICE AND STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED A REGISTRATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARD.

It can take as long as 90 days to process a registration submitted through the local post office. At any time, you may log on to the Selective Service website to check to see if you are in the system. If you're not in the system, you may register online. If you find you are in the system, you may disregard any reminders to register.

If you do choose not to use the website to check on your status and re-register if necessary, you must wait 90 days and call the Selective Service registration information line at: 1-847-688-6888 to see if you are in the system. If, after 90 days, you are still not in the system, you must re-register.

ARE UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN MALES REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Yes. If you are an immigrant alien male, documented or undocumented, you must register with Selective Service. Only men admitted on nonimmigrant visas are exempt from the requirement to register.

WHAT IF I AM OVER AGE 26 AND HAVEN'T REGISTERED?

Once you reach age 26, it's too late to register. Even though you may not be prosecuted, you may be denied student financial assistance, federal job training, and most federal employment unless you can provide convincing evidence to the agency providing the benefit you are seeking, that your failure to register was not knowing and willful.

If you failed to register and are over age 26, you will receive a message on your FAFSA indicating that Selective Service has no record of your registration and that you must resolve this issue before you can receive Federal Student Aid.