WHEN I GET A MESSAGE ON MY STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR), HOW WILL THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE KNOW OF MY SS STATUS?

Your SS status will be reflected on your SAR in the form of any of the following messages.

**Unsuccessful matches.**

If the match does not confirm your registration, or you cannot be registered, the output document will have a comment about the problem. A “C” flag will also be printed next to your EFC. Until you resolve the SSS registration problem, you cannot receive any FSA funds or be certified or be originated for a loan.

**Registration not confirmed.**

If the match shows that you are not registered, you must either register or provide evidence that you are registered or exempt from registration. (See section: What should I bring to the Financial Aid Office to prove I am registered?)

**Unsuccessful registration.**

Your registration will not be forwarded if certain information, such as first and last name and date of birth is missing. You should submit a correction with the required information.

If you are 26 years or older, you cannot be registered through FAFSA, but your record will be sent through for the data match. If you are not registered, you can no longer do so, your eligibility will be determined through the Financial Aid Office for aid despite failing to register.

**Failure to register.**

It is possible that you can be denied aid because you failed to register with the SSS before your 26th birthday. The SSS will register only males age 18 through 25, leaving older students with no way to remedy their situation if they failed to register. However, you may still be eligible to receive aid if you can demonstrate that you did not knowingly and willfully fail to register.

If you served on active duty in the armed forces but did not register before turning 26 you are still eligible to receive FSA funds because it’s reasonable to conclude that you were not trying to avoid registering for the draft. You will be asked to provide a copy of your DD Form 214, “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty,” showing military service in the armed forces, other than the reserve forces, the Delayed Entry pool, and the National Guard.

Males without military service who knew of the registration requirement but chose not to register are considered to have knowingly and willfully failed to register and are therefore ineligible for FSA funds.

Your school’s decision in this case is final and cannot be appealed to the Department except in one limited instance under the regulations that the Department will hear appeals from students who have provided their school with proof of compliance, but are still being denied federal student aid.

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WHAT IS SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION?

The Selective Service System (SSS) and its registration requirements for America's young men has served as a backup system to provide manpower to the U.S. Armed Forces. In a crisis requiring a draft, men would be called in sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth. Then, they would be examined for mental, physical and moral fitness by the military before being deferred or exempted from military service or inducted into the Armed Forces.

WHO MUST REGISTER?

Almost all male U.S. citizens, and noncitizens living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service (SS), with exception of the following: lawful 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. In the event a man is hospitalized or institutionalized; or home-bound and unable to function outside the home, with or without physical assistance; or is in 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 individual qualifies for exemption from registration.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Online
The easiest and fastest way for a man to register is to logon to http://www.sss.gov. Immediate confirmation and printable proof can be obtained through this method of registration.

Mail
Registration may also be completed through a Reminder Mail back Card. SSS sends this card to many young men around the time they turn 18. Mail back cards are also available at some post offices. A man can fill out the card at home and mail it directly to SSS.

Cards and Forms should be mailed to:
Selective Service System
Registration Information Office
P.O. Box 94638 Palatine, IL 60094-4638

Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)
You may also indicate on your FAFSA that you wish to be registered. As part of the processing of your FAFSA, your registration information will automatically be forwarded to SSS.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Men, born after December 31, 1959, who are registered with SS qualify for Federal student loans or grant programs. This includes Pell Grants, College Work Study, Guaranteed Student/Plus Loans, and National Direct Student Loans.

Additionally, registration with SSS is one of the conditions for the Naturalization process as required by The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). Also if you are interested in Federal Job Training and a position in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government and the U.S. Postal Services, you must register with Selective Service.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TO PROVE I AM REGISTERED?

You may check online at: http://www.sss.gov or call the SSS registration information line at 1-847-688-6888 to obtain your Selective Service Registration Confirmation Number.

Or

If you registered by mail or through FAFSA your registration acknowledgment card is sufficient proof.

Or

If you entered the U.S. after the age of 26, proof of date of entry into the United States i.e. passport with I-94 (and) (or) visa is necessary, or you can get a letter from USCIS indicating Date of Entry.

ARE UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN MALES REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

Yes. If you are an immigrant alien male, documented or undocumented, you must register with SSS. Only men admitted on nonimmigrant visas are exempt from the requirement to register (you must remain in the U.S. on the terms of the visa until the age of 26 to be exempt).

WILL I BE DENIED FINANCIAL AID IF AM OVER THE AGE OF 26 AND HAVE NOT REGISTERED?

Once you become 26, you are not allowed to register. You may be denied student financial assistance, federal job training, and most federal employment unless you can provide convincing proof to the agency that your failure to register was not intentional. If your failure to register was not intentional, you can request a Status Information Letter from SSS. The request letter can be obtained at http://www.sss.gov. The letter must be mailed to SSS. Once you receive a response from SSS, you must bring it to the Financial Aid Office along with a statement that explains why you failed to register.

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