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Selective Service: A Young Man's Civic Duty

(NAPSA)—Many believe that part of being an adult is doing your civic duty. For some, this involves volunteering, paying taxes or serving on a jury. For young men, it includes registering with the Selective Service when they turn 18.

The law requires virtually all male U.S. citizens and immigrants to register with the Selective Service System. To be in full compliance with the law, men turning 18 are required to register during the period of time beginning 30 days before until 30 days after their 18th birthday.



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Young men who turn 18 can register with the Selective Service System online, at the post office, by mail, at school or when they apply for student aid.

Those who register are eligible for federal student aid, most federal jobs and federal job training. Male noncitizens living in the U.S. who are 18 through 25 must register to remain eligible for citizenship. Many states require registration for a driver's license.

Failure to register can result in fines and possibly a prison sentence. Plus, those who do not register are not eligible for student aid or job training.

To learn more, visit www.sss.gov.