

SELECTIVE SERVICE VERIFICATION (age 26 and over)

Males (anyone assigned the sex of male at birth) aged 18-25 and born after 12/31/59 must be registered with Selective Service in order to receive federal student aid. Your financial aid cannot be processed until we have received proof of registration or verification that you are not required to register for Selective Service. If you are a female and receiving this form, you may have misreported or left the gender field blank when you completed the FAFSA.

To comply with this federal requirement take the required action as instructed in this form.

SECTION A. Student Information

Student's name: _____ Phone: _____

- I am female and not required to register for Selective Service.**
Required Action: Correct the gender question on your FAFSA to "female" at *fafsa.gov*. **You do not need to return this form.** *If you submit your correction to the FAFSA successfully, we will receive your FAFSA correction electronically in 7-10 days. You can watch for an updated status of the Selective Service requirement under the Financial Aid tab in Banner Self Service at banner.sunyjcc.edu.*
- I am a male and over 26 years old.**
Required Action: Before completing Section B read the instructions on page 2 for proof of registration, exemptions from registration, and important information for those who have failed to register.

SECTION B. Selective Service Verification (for men 26 years of age and older):

- I meet one of the exceptions listed on page 2 and am providing supporting documentation.**

If you do not meet the conditions listed in the box on page 2 and cannot provide proof of registration for Selective Service, you are not eligible to receive federal grants or student loans to pay for your educational expenses. However, *if you can show by a preponderance of evidence that your failure to register was not knowing and willful*, check the box below and follow the instructions on page 2 for submitting a Letter of Appeal.

- My failure to register was not knowing and willful; I am attaching my Status Information Letter* from Selective Service along with a letter of appeal and supporting documentation.**
Important note: If you wish to pursue this option, our office must receive all required documentation as outlined above within 10 days of your last day of class(es). Our office will not issue a second request for this information. ***See page 2** for instructions to request a Status Information Letter.

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.

SECTION C. Certification:

I certify that all information provided in this document is true, complete and accurate. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Selective Service Verification Instructions for Men 26 years of age and older

Until the financial aid office receives proof of your registration or proof of exemption from registration, you are not eligible to receive federal grants or student loans to pay for your educational expenses. **Once you are 26 years of age, it is too late to register for Selective Service.** If you believe you registered by age 26 but are unable to obtain the required documentation, call 1-888-655-1825; a representative will be able to help you.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the rule requiring all men between the ages of 18-26 to register for Selective Service include the situations listed below. Contact the Selective Service Office at 1-888-655-1825 or visit sss.gov online for more information on exceptions and the type of documentation required for proof of exemption. If you fall into one of the following categories, provide a copy of supporting documentation to the financial aid office. Examples of exemptions and supporting documentation:

- **Non-U.S. male who came into this country for the first time after 26th birthday**
Date of entry stamp on passport, I-94 with date of entry stamp on it, or a letter from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) indicating the date you entered the United States. If you entered the U.S. illegally after your 26th birthday, you must provide proof that you were not living in the U.S. from age 18 through 25. Resident Alien Card (Green Card) is not valid as proof of the date of entry to the United States.
- **Non-U.S. male on a valid non-immigrant visa**
For example, if you entered the United States as an F-1 student visa and remained in that status until your 26th birthday, you would need to provide documentation indicating that you were admitted on an F-1 visa and attended school full-time as required. Acceptable documentation for this situation include a copy of your I-20 form or a letter from the school you attended indicating your full-time attendance as a non-immigrant alien. The same thing applies for all non-immigrant statuses.
- **Male born prior to 1960**
Official government issued document showing date of birth such as state ID card, driver's license, passport, birth certificate.
- **Veteran**
DD-214 or current fulltime active duty orders, military ID card. For men over age 26 who failed to register, active duty U.S. military service is compelling evidence that failure to register was **not** knowing and willful. 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.

Submitting a Letter of Appeal: If you do not meet any of the above conditions and cannot provide proof of registration for Selective Service, you are not eligible to receive federal grants or student loans to pay for your educational expenses. *However, if you can **show by a preponderance of evidence that your failure to register was not knowing and willful**, you have the following recourse:*

1. **Request a Status Information Letter from the Selective Service** addressing your failure to register. Use the attached form or if no form is attached, find the Status Information Letter Request form online at sss.gov.
2. **Submit the Status Information Letter** the Selective Service provides you, along with a **letter of appeal** and **supporting documentation** to the JCC financial aid office. Your letter should contain any pertinent information, such as where you lived from the age of 18 to 26, and a detailed explanation of circumstances that prevented you from complying with the federal regulation to register with Selective Service.

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