



BRIDGERLAND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

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Selective Service and the Federal Pell Grant

Anyone required to register with Selective Service at any time must have done so in order to receive federal student financial aid (Pell Grant). When a student submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the Department of Education performs a match with Selective Service to confirm a student's registration. Students must be registered or exempt from registering in order to be eligible for the federal Pell Grant for their enrollment at Bridgerland Applied Technology College (BATC).

The Selective Service reported that you have not registered with them. If you believe you have registered with Selective Service simply provide evidence of your registration to the BATC Financial Aid Office or contact Selective Service to resolve the problem. If you are female or were born before 1960, registration is not required. Otherwise, **if you are male between the ages of 18-25** you must register for Selective Service. **If you are 26 or older** you must demonstrate that you are exempt from registering or did not knowingly and willfully fail to register with Selective Service.

★How do I register with Selective Service?

Men ages 18-25 are required to register with the Selective Service System. There is a question on the FAFSA that asks if you want Selective Service to register you. By answering YES, you give the Department of Education permission to submit your registration information to the Selective Service.

Students may go directly to the Selective Service website at www.sss.gov to register on-line or for more information. A mail-in registration form is available at your local post office. Students may also contact the Selective Service at 1(847)688-6888.

★What if I am exempt from registering with Selective Service?

Some students are exempt from registering with Selective Service. Men exempted from the requirement to register include:

- ~ males currently in the armed forces and on active duty
- ~ males not yet 18 at the time they complete the FAFSA
- ~ males born before 1960
- ~ citizens of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia
- ~ non-citizens who entered the US after they turned 26
- ~ non-citizens who entered the US as a lawful non-immigrant on a valid visa and remained in the US on the terms of that visa until after they turned 26

If you are not required to register, you must provide acceptable documentation supporting your claim to the school. This may include proof of military service, birth certificate, valid citizenship or entry status documentation, etc... (Visit www.sss.gov for more information.)

If you are not clearly exempt from registering, and cannot document with the Financial Aid Office at BATC your exemption, you must complete a Request for Status Information Letter. A complete request must be submitted to the Selective Service. A response to this request should be received within 4-6 weeks in the form of a *Status Information Letter*. The *Status Information Letter* you receive must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at BATC for further consideration of your Pell Grant eligibility; additional documentation may be required.

Instructions and the Request for Status Letter, as well as more information about Selective Service and the registration requirements, are available on-line at www.sss.gov