

## Your failure to register for Selective Service could negatively impact your citizenship application.

- Males who lived in the U.S. while under age 26 are generally required to register for Selective Service. Registration is the way the U.S. government keeps a list of names of men potentially subject to military conscription (the draft) in case of a national emergency.
- Males who were required to but did not register for Selective Service may be denied U.S. citizenship until age 31 (or age 29, if applying based on marriage to a U.S. citizen).
- o If you:
  - 1. Lived in the U.S. while under 26,
  - 2. Were required to but did not register for Selective Service, and,
  - 3. Are under age 31 (or 29, if applying based on marriage to a U.S. citizen)

...Then, you may be required to prove to USCIS (with evidence) that your failure to register was **not** *knowing* and *willful* to be approved for U.S. citizenship.