**Are You Prepared for Success? Register with Selective Service to Check Yes**

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” – Benjamin Franklin

Franklin’s advice might sound harsh, but it can be true; especially for high school students preparing to transition into the next stage of their lives. For young men, there’s one important, mandatory step that will help them prepare for whatever comes next: registering with Selective Service.

The law says that all young men living in the U.S. MUST register with Selective Service when they turn 18. If they don’t, they lose their eligibility for student loans and grants, job training programs, and good jobs. Failing to register can also complicate the process of becoming a citizen if a young man is seeking citizenship. Once a man turns 26, he can no longer register with Selective Service, and all of these penalties become permanent.

Imagine applying for a great job and finding out you can’t be considered because you didn’t register with Selective Service. Or getting into college, only to find out you can’t afford it because you never registered with Selective Service.

Thankfully, young men can prevent those things from happening with a little bit of preparation. It takes less than ten minutes to go online and register at www.sss.gov. Young men can also register by checking “yes” when filling out the FAFSA, or by filling out a registration card at a U.S. post office.

To quote Abraham Lincoln, “I will prepare, and someday my chance will come.” So if you’re young man, remember to register with Selective Service to make sure you’re prepared for success!