

As of now, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) requires male students to register for the federal army's Selective Service in order to submit the application. This application must be submitted to become eligible to receive financial aid from the government as all federal grants and loan awards are determined by the FAFSA.

Should the FAFSA require male applicants to enlist in the army in order to submit the application? Do you believe the requirement should be extended to apply to female applicants as well? Why or why not?



"No, [it shouldn't be required] because you are not obligated to serve in the military; it is by choice. Although you are receiving federal aid for education, the federal money spent on [the] military can be spent on something else."

-Alvin Wong, Senior



"No, [it shouldn't be required] because I feel like it's not relevant to what FAFSA represents—aid in terms of monetary [value], not serving the country. The requirements shouldn't be extended to female applicants because the selective service only applies to men, not women. It's not sexist, but it's more convenient for women to stay [here]."

-Colleen Chau, Senior

"No, because I feel like the FAFSA is completely separate [from] enlisting in the army. The purpose for it is to get into college. If people wanted to enlist, they can do so. It should not be extended to female applicants for the same reason."

-Vanessa Pena, Senior



"Yes, [the requirement should be there] because if you're a citizen you have duties and rights. You have the rights to have a subsidized education, but also the duty to enlist. The option should be offered because civil equality should extend to females as well."

-Ali Jishi, Senior



"Yes, because at some point, it's free money for student[s] and enlisting in the military is a very small thing you're doing for your country. Women should [be required to enlist as well] because equal rights should apply to everything; if males enlist, females should [have to too]."

-Timothy Han, Senior



"Yes, [the FAFSA should require men to enlist] because freedom isn't free. The [requirement] should be open to women because gender equality dictates so."

-Daniel Castaneda, Senior



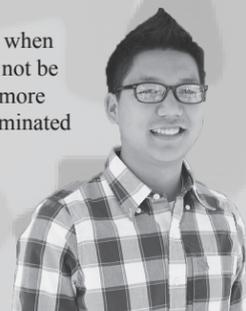
"[Women] shouldn't [be required to enlist] because when all men go to war, the women should be taking care of the country."

-Jason Li, Senior



"Yes, because they have to [register] anyway when you turn 18 [...] No, the [requirement] should not be open to women because it is just typical that more men are in the military and women get discriminated against."

-Cedric Vutheikun, Senior



"The FAFSA should not require males to register with the federal army because we should be allowed to choose the profession that we want to pursue. In times of war, when it is completely necessary, the process should be done like how it was before; having every eligible male enlist to help fight for their country. I also feel that the requirements should not extend to females not because of the double standard or being sexist, but merely because people should get a choice of whether they want to or not."

-Dana Chu, Senior



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