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The Office of the President

There are several requirements that a person must meet in order to run for presidential office in the United States. In order to run, a person must be a natural-born citizen of the United States. He or she must also be at least 35 years old. In addition, he or she must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years. Although the president can come from any profession, most presidents have experience in law or government.

Once elected, a president serves a term of four years. The only president that was permitted to serve more than two terms was Franklin Roosevelt. He served three terms and was even re-elected for a fourth term, but he died in office. The law now limits the number of terms a president can serve. A president can only serve up to two terms. Currently, the salary of the president is \$400,000.

The president has many duties and jobs. Some of these jobs and duties are listed below:

Chief Executive

- Ensures that laws, treaties, and formal agreements with other countries are carried out and obeyed
- Appoints federal judges, including the Supreme Court judges
- Grants pardons to criminals that have committed federal crimes
- Sets foreign policy

Chief Diplomat

- Responsible for appointing ambassadors to other countries
- Meets with the ambassadors of foreign nations
- Helps settle disputes between other nations
- Makes treaties with other nations

Commander in Chief

- Orders the armed forces to war or to serve in other countries during times of crisis
- Orders the armed forces to different parts of the US during emergency situations
- Has control of how and when nuclear weapons are used

Chief Legislator

- Gives the State of the Union Address every year that outlines the president's overall legislative plan
- Recommends legislation
- Vetoes bills that the president does not want to become laws

Head of State

- Visits the heads of foreign governments
- Hosts the heads of foreign governments when they visit the US
- Conducts ceremonies

Party Leader

- Shapes the ideas of the president's political party with regard to issues concerning the US and foreign nations.

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 - a. Issues laws to stop the formation of political parties
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 - d. All of the above

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 - a. George Washington
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 - c. John Kennedy
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 - a. Be a natural-born citizen of the United States
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