President of the USA

Eligibility:

The president has to:

- be a natural born citizen of the United States
- be at least thirty-five years old
- have lived at least for the last fourteen years permanently in the US
- to step down after two terms of office and cannot stand for re-election

Powers:

As Head of the state the President

- concludes contracts in the name of the state that have to be agreed by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate
- emits diplomats and receives ambassadors of foreign countries
- nominates federal judges, including members of the United States courts of appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States, all of which need confirmation by the Senate.

As Head of the government the President

- leads the cabinet with the agreement of the Senate
- is supported by the "Executive Office" (cabinet external advisors)
- is supposed to give Congress an annual report of the nation

As Commander-in- chief of the United States Armed Forces the President

- doesn't have the power to declare a war without Congress but he commands the military and is responsible for planning military strategy
- directs the U.S. foreign policy
  (Through the Department of State and the Department of Defense, the president is responsible for the protection of Americans abroad and of foreign nationals in the United States)
- decides whether to recognize new nations or governments, and negotiates treaties with other nations, which become binding on the United States when approved by two-thirds vote of the Senate
- sometimes employs executive agreements in foreign relations although he is actually not supposed to.

Administrative powers

- As the chief executive he has to take care that the laws will be faithfully executed.