

The following information is being provided in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Code of Federal Regulations ([34 CFR 668.40](#)).

### **Notice of Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations**

Student financial aid eligibility may be suspended if convicted for any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs. Students who are convicted for a drug offense after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must notify the Financial Aid Office immediately. A conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record does not affect the student's eligibility for aid.

#### **Penalties**

For students convicted of an offense involving the *possession* of a controlled substance, the period of ineligibility is:

- First Offense: 1 year after date of conviction
- Second Offense: 2 years after date of conviction
- Third Offense: Indefinite

For students convicted of an offense involving the *sale* of a controlled substance, the period of ineligibility is:

- First Offense: 2 years after date of conviction
- Second conviction: Indefinite

#### **Rehabilitation**

Once a student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program after the student's most recent drug conviction, the student regains financial aid eligibility on the date that the student successfully completes the program.

Requirements of a satisfactory drug rehabilitation program:

- Includes at least two unannounced drug tests; and
- Has received or is qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a Federal, State, or local government program;
- Is administered or registered by a Federal, State, or local government agency or court;
- Has received or is qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a Federally or State-licensed insurance company; or

- Is administered or recognized by a Federally - or State-licensed hospital, health clinic, or medical doctor.

**Additional Resources**

Federal Student Aid: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/criminal-convictions>