



## Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

Federal Regulations require that we notify our students that a federal or state drug conviction can disqualify a student for federal student aid.

Convictions count if they were:

- 1) For an offense that occurred for periods while enrolled, and
- 2) If during that enrollment period the student was receiving federal financial aid such as Federal Direct Loans, Pell, FSEOG, Teach Grants, or Federal Work-Study.

The chart below illustrates the period of ineligibility for federal student aid funds.

	<b>Possession of illegal drugs</b>	<b>Sale of illegal drugs</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	1 year from date of conviction	2 years from date of conviction
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	2 years from date of conviction	Indefinite Period
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</b>	Indefinite Period	

“A conviction for sale of drugs includes convictions for conspiring to sell drugs”

If convicted of both possessing and selling, the longer period of ineligibility applies.

A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility or when a qualified drug rehabilitation program is successfully completed. To view information on qualified rehabilitation programs and more information about eligibility for federal aid, please visit: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility/criminal-convictions>