

Losing & Regaining Financial Aid Eligibility Due To Conviction

The Department of Education imposes the below federal financial aid consequences as a result of a conviction of Possession of illegal drugs.

If a student has been convicted:

- Only one time for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds for one year after the date of conviction;
- Two times for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds for two years after the date of the second conviction; or
- Three or more times for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds for an indefinite period after the date of the third conviction.

The Department of Education imposes the below federal financial aid consequences as a result of a conviction of Sale of illegal drugs.

If a student has been convicted:

- Only one time for sale of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds for two years after the date of conviction; or
- Two or more times for sale of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for an indefinite period after the date of the second conviction.

Regaining Federal Financial Aid Eligibility

If a student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program that meets the requirements described below after the student's most recent drug conviction, the student regains eligibility on the date the student successfully completes the program.

The drug rehabilitation program must:

- Include at least two unannounced drug tests; and
- Have received or be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a Federal, State, or local government program;
- Be administered or recognized by a Federal, State, or local government agency or court;
- Have received or be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a Federally- or State-licensed insurance company; or
- Be administered or recognized by a Federally- or State-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.