



Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

A student who has been convicted of an offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving financial aid shall not be eligible to receive any federal, state or institutional aid (including grant, loan, or work assistance) during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified in the following table.

If convicted of an offense involving;

Possession of a Controlled Substance		
Ineligibility Period	First Offense	1 year
	Second Offense	2 years
	Third Offense	Indefinite
Sale of a Controlled		
Ineligibility Period	First Offense	2 years
	Second Offense	Indefinite

A student has lost eligibility for financial aid based on the possession or sale of a controlled substance may regain eligibility before the above stated ineligibility period if:

1. the student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program that;
 - a. complies with the criteria prescribed in the federal regulations; and
 - b. includes two unannounced drug tests;
2. the student successfully passes two unannounced drug tests conducted by a drug rehabilitation program that complies with the criteria prescribed in the federal regulations; or
3. the conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered not valid.