



Drug Related Offenses and Financial Aid

If a student is convicted of a drug related offense that occurred during a period of enrollment for which they receive Title IV (i.e. Pell, student loans) aid they will have a period of ineligibility for Federal Student Aid (FSA) funds. The chart below illustrates the period of ineligibility for FSA funds depending on whether the conviction was for sale or possession and whether the student had previous offenses. (A conviction for sale of drugs includes convictions for conspiring to sell drugs.)

	POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS	SALE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS
1ST OFFENSE	1 year from date of conviction	2 years from date of conviction
2ND OFFENSE	2 years from date of conviction	Indefinite period
3RD OFFENSE	Indefinite period	

If a student is convicted of both possessing and selling illegal drugs and the periods of ineligibility are different, the student will be ineligible for the longer period.

A student regains eligibility the day after the ineligibility period ends or when they successfully complete a qualified drug rehabilitation program. Further drug convictions will make the student ineligible again.

Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain eligibility only after successful completion of a rehabilitation program or if a conviction is reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record so that fewer than two convictions for sale or three convictions for possession remain on the record.

It is the student's responsibility to certify to the school that they have successfully completed a qualified rehabilitation program.