NOTICE OF FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PENALTIES FOR DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS

The information and table below is provided through 20 U.S. Code § 1091. Student eligibility.

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(1) In General

A student who is convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance for conduct that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving any grant, loan, or work assistance under this subchapter shall not be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under this subchapter from the date of that conviction for the period of time specified.

The length of time that a student is ineligible due to drug related offenses depends on the type of offense and the number of convictions. Students become ineligible for federal student aid from the date of conviction through a scheduled timeframe. The following chart outlines the timeframes for which students become ineligible for federal financial aid due to drug convictions.

Periods of Ineligibility

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Students that have further drug related convictions after filing the FAFSA may have extended periods of ineligibility or may lose their eligibility indefinitely.

Regaining Eligibility

Students with suspended federal eligibility may regain their eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility expires (one year plus one day, two years plus one day).

Students may shorten their period of ineligibility or regain eligibility from an indefinite timeframe by meeting at least one of the following means:

- Having a conviction reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered invalid
- Successfully completing an acceptable drug rehabilitation program that includes two unannounced drug tests. Be administered or recognized by a federal, state, or local government agency or court and/or administered or recognized by a federally or state-licensed hospital, health clinic, or medical doctor.
- Passing two unannounced drug tests administered by an acceptable drug rehabilitation program
- Be administered or recognized by a federal, state, or local government agency or court.

For further information view Federal Student Aid's page on drug convictions and aid eligibility. Or contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)