

Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

A student who has been convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under this title during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified in the following table:

For a drug possession conviction, eligibility will be suspended for:

1. One year for the first offense
2. Two years for the second offense, and
3. Indefinitely for the third offense

For a drug sale conviction, eligibility will be suspended for:

1. Two years for the first offense, and
2. Indefinitely for the second offense

A person's Title IV eligibility may be resumed before the end of the ineligible period if:

1. The student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program and complies with criteria established by the Department of Education and such progress includes two unannounced drug test; or
2. The conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered inconsequential.