

Have you ever been convicted of selling or possessing drugs (not including alcohol or tobacco)?

Notice of Drug Violation Penalties

Any student convicted of any drug 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 Title IV during the period beginning from the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified in the following table:

If convicted of an offense involving:

The possession of a controlled substance:

First offense.....
Second offense
Third offense.....

Ineligibility period is:

1 year
2 years
Indefinite

The sale of a controlled substance:

First offense.....
Second offense.....

Ineligibility period is:

2 years
Indefinite

(2) REHABILITATION.—A student whose eligibility has been suspended under paragraph (1) may resume eligibility before the end of the ineligibility period determined under such paragraph if—

- (A) The student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that—
 - (i) Complies with such criteria as the Secretary shall prescribe in regulations for purposes of this paragraph; and
 - (ii) includes two unannounced drug tests;

(B) the student successfully passes two unannounced drug tests conducted by a drug rehabilitation program that complies with such criteria as the Secretary shall prescribe in regulations for purposes of subparagraph (A)(i); or

- (C) the conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered nugatory.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the term “controlled substance” has the meaning given the term in section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(6)).

If you are convicted of selling or possessing drugs after you submit your FAFSA, you must notify the financial aid office at your school immediately. You will lose eligibility and must pay back all aid received following your conviction.

If you have questions you should see your Financial Aid Counselor as soon as possible. Failure to report any such convictions will affect your eligibility for aid assistance.