

## Notice of Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

A student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds, for the period of time described below, if the student has been convicted of an offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs during enrollment. This only applies to convictions on a student's record. If the conviction was reversed, set aside or removed from the student's record it does not apply. An illegal drug is a controlled substance and does not include alcohol or tobacco. The student may regain eligibility before that time period expires under certain conditions.

Penalties for possession of illegal drugs convictions:

- Only one time for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for one year after the date of conviction
- Two times for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for two years after the date of the second conviction
- Three or more times for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for an indefinite period after the date of the third conviction

Penalties for sale of illegal drugs convictions:

- Only one time for sale of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for two years after the date of conviction
- Two or more times for sale of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for an indefinite period after the date of the second conviction

If the student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program as described below after the student's most recent drug conviction, the student regains eligibility on the date the student successfully completes the program. Below are the requirements of the drug rehabilitation program:

- Includes at least two unannounced drug tests
- Program has received or is qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a Federal, State or local government program

- Program is administered or recognized by a Federal, State or local government agency or court
- Program has received or is qualified to received payment directly or indirectly from a Federally- or State-licensed insurance company
- Program is administered or recognized by a Federally- or State-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor

A school must provide a student who loses Title IV eligibility due to a drug-related conviction with a timely, separate, clear and conspicuous written notice. The notice must advise the student of his or her loss of Title IV eligibility and the ways in which the student may regain that eligibility.