



Convicted of Possession or Sale of Drugs & Financial Aid Eligibility

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 during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified in the following table:

	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
3 + Offenses	Indefinite Period	

A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility ends (i.e., for a 1st or 2nd offense); or when he or she successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program that includes passing two unannounced drug tests given by such a program. Further drug convictions will make the student ineligible again. Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain eligibility after completing any of the following options:

- 1) Successfully completing a rehabilitation program, which includes passing two unannounced drug tests from such a program;
- 2) Having the conviction 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; or
- 3) Successfully completing two unannounced drug tests which are part of a rehabilitation program (the student does not need to complete the rest of the program).

Reference 2019-2020 Student Aid Handbook – Volume 1 – Student Eligibility