



Student Eligibility for Aid Related to Conviction for Possessing or Selling Illegal Drugs

Students convicted of a federal or state offense of selling or possessing illegal drugs that occurred while a period of enrollment for which they were receiving federal Title IV student aid are subject to loss of eligibility for Title IV aid. The period of ineligibility, which begins on the day the student was convicted and continues for one year, two years, or indefinitely depending upon the nature of the drug-related offense and the number of convictions and federal regulations.

A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility ends or when he successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program. Further drug convictions will make him ineligible again. Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain aid only after successfully completing a qualified rehabilitation program or if a conviction is 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. In such cases, the nature and dates of the remaining convictions will determine when the student regains eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to certify the successful completion of a rehabilitation program.