Drug Conviction Issues

Notice: Students convicted of violating any federal or state drug possession or sale law will become ineligible for Title IV federal financial aid under the circumstances indentified below. Title IV financial aid includes the Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG Grant, Federal Direct Loans, Federal Stafford, PLUS and Perkins Loans and Federal Work-Study programs.

Conviction of Drug Possession

Students convicted of drug possession are suspended from eligibility for Federal Title IV Aid for
- One year on the first offense
- Two years on the second offense
- Indefinitely on the third offense

Conviction of Drug Sales

Students convicted of drug sales are suspended from eligibility for Federal Title IV Aid for
- Two years on the first offense
- Indefinitely on the second offense

Early Relief from Suspended Eligibility

A student’s suspended eligibility for Federal Title IV Aid may be lifted if one of the following conditions exists:
- Satisfactory completion of a drug rehabilitation program that complies with criteria established by the Federal Department of Education. The program must include two unannounced drug tests.
- The conviction is reversed, set aside or otherwise rendered nugatory (i.e., invalid or without force).