

## Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

Federal or state drug conviction can disqualify a student from Federal and College of St. Joseph financial aid. For students convicted of possession or sale (including conspiring to sell) of illegal drugs where the offense occurred while the student was receiving Federal Student Aid, the student will be ineligible for Federal and College of St. Joseph financial aid as described below. Funds include, but not limited to, Federal Pell and SEOG grants, Federal student loans, Federal Work Study, and institutional sources of aid.

Listed below illustrates the period of ineligibility for financial aid funds, depending on whether the conviction was for sale or possession and whether the student had previous offenses. (A conviction for sale of drugs includes convictions for conspiring to sell drugs.) Convictions only count if they were for an offense that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV aid. Also, a conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record does not count, nor does one received when she was a juvenile, unless she was tried as an adult. The student self certifies when completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Offense	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense
Possession of Illegal Drugs	Ineligible for 1 year from date of conviction.	Ineligible for 2 years from date of conviction.	Ineligible indefinitely from date of conviction.
Sales of Illegal Drugs	Ineligible for 2 years from date of conviction.	Ineligible indefinitely from date of conviction.	

To regain eligibility a student must successfully complete a qualified drug rehabilitation program, pass two unannounced drug tests given by such program or becomes eligible after the period of ineligibility ends.