

Ineligibility Due to Drug Conviction

The Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended (HEA) suspends aid eligibility for students who have been convicted under federal or state law of the sale or possession of drugs. Through the FAFSA application (question 23c), students self-certify their eligibility for federal funds. Convictions only impact a student's aid eligibility if they were for an offense that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Federal Student Aid—they do not count if the offense was not during such a period, unless the student was denied federal benefits for drug trafficking by a federal or state judge. Also, a conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record does not count, nor does one received when the student was a juvenile, unless the student was tried as an adult. Students convicted of a drug-related offense after submitting the FAFSA, may lose eligibility for federal student aid and be liable for returning any financial aid you received during a period of ineligibility.

Visit the [Federal Student Aid website](#) for additional information on regaining eligibility. If you are unsure whether you should be ineligible for financial aid based on drug conviction please refer to the Drug Eligibility Worksheet. This worksheet will be sent to you by the Department of Education if you answer yes to the drug conviction question on the FAFSA. Students may regain federal aid eligibility early by successfully completing an approved drug rehabilitation program or by passing two unannounced drug tests administered by an approved drug rehabilitation program. Notify the Office of Financial aid if you regain eligibility during the award year.

Oregon State University will notify students who becomes ineligible for federal aid due to a drug conviction. Enrolled students are notified annually by Student Health Services that they may lose financial aid as a consequence of drug conviction.

Any student convicted of violating a criminal drug statute on Oregon State University owned or controlled property or during any university-sanctioned function must notify the Director of Financial Aid, if that student is receiving any form of federal financial aid (e.g., Pell Grants). The Director of Financial Aid will then notify the Secretary of the United States Department of Education. Conviction on any drug related charge is grounds for forfeiture of federal financial aid. [University-level sanctions](#) are also possible.

Please contact the Office of Financial Aid if you have any questions or concerns.

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