

Notice of Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

This notice provides information on the penalties associated with drug-related offenses under section 34 CFR §668.40 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). It also provides notice on how to regain eligibility after conviction of a drug related offense.

Ashland Community & Technical College will provide a timely notice to each student who has lost eligibility for Title IV, HEA program funds as a result of these violations, and will advise the student of the ways in which he or she can regain eligibility.

In general, a student who has been convicted of an offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV, HEA program funds shall not be eligible to receive any further Title IV funds (grants, loans, work-study) during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified by the following table.

If convicted of an offense involving:

Possession of illegal drugs	Ineligibility Period
First Offense	1 year from date of conviction
Second Offense	2 years from date of conviction
Third (or more) Offense	Indefinite period from date of conviction
Sale of illegal drugs	Ineligibility Period
First Offense	2 years from the date of conviction
Second (or more) Offense	Indefinite period from date of conviction

A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility ends or when he or she successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program. The drug rehabilitation program must include the following:

- two unannounced drug tests from such a program; and
- has received or is qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a Federal, State, or local government program:
 - is administered or recognized by a Federal, State, or local government agency or court;
 - has received or is qualified to receive a payment directly or indirectly from a Federally- or State- licensed insurance company; or
 - is administered or recognized by a Federally- or State-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.

