

Drug Conviction Disclosure

Institutions that are participants in the federal Title IV student aid programs, such as CSU Fullerton, are required to make available and in some instances issue a number of disclosures to students. As part of the Higher Education Opportunity Act legislation, we are required to notify each enrolled student of the impact of drug convictions on financial aid eligibility. This email notification serves as our notice to you to comply with this requirement.

Students Convicted of Possession or Sale of Drugs:

A federal or state drug conviction can disqualify you as a student from receiving financial aid.

Drug convictions that are considered are those convictions related to a drug offense (sale or possession of illegal drugs) that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV aid. Drug convictions that may have occurred during a period of time in which the student did not receive federal Title IV student aid are not considered. Additionally, a drug-related conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record does not apply, nor does one received when the student was a juvenile, unless the juvenile was tried as an adult.

The chart below illustrates the period of ineligibility for financial aid, 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.)

| | Possession of illegal drugs | Sale of illegal drugs |
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| 1 st offense | Ineligible for 1 year from date of conviction | Ineligible for 2 years from date of conviction |
| 2 nd offense | Ineligible for 2 years from the date of conviction | Ineligible for an indefinite period |
| 3 rd or more offenses | Ineligible for an indefinite period | Ineligible for an indefinite period |

If as a student you are convicted of both possessing and selling illegal drugs, and the periods of ineligibility are different, you will be ineligible for financial aid for the longer period of time.

We strongly encourage you to consider the impact of drug-related convictions on your financial aid eligibility.