

Notice of Student Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

Federal Student Aid Sanctions

Drug Convictions

Drug convictions no longer affect federal student aid eligibility. As of July 1, 2023, if you are subject to an involuntary civil commitment for a sexual offense, you may qualify for a Federal Pell Grant.

Your eligibility for federal student aid can be affected by incarceration.

Students Confined in an Adult Correctional or Juvenile Justice Facility

You have limited eligibility for federal student aid.

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Students Exiting Incarceration

Once you're released, the eligibility limitations related to your incarceration will be removed.

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Students on Probation or Parole

If you are on probation or parole or living in a halfway house, you may be eligible for federal student aid.

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Florida Academy Sanctions

Under Florida Academy regulation, students who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal as well as all applicable legal sanctions under state, local, and federal law. Faculty and staff are subject to disciplinary action up to and including employment termination as well as all applicable legal sanctions under state, local, and federal law.

Legal Sanctions

Under state and federal drug laws, the gravity of the sanction depends on the classification of the controlled substance, the particular activity involved (possession or trafficking which includes manufacture, sale and possession with intent to sell), and whether or not multiple convictions are involved.

Under Florida law (Florida Statutes Title XLVI Chapter 893.135) the most severe penalty for a drug law violation involves trafficking. On a first offense conviction, one may receive a fine of up to \$750,000.00 and/or a sentence of up to life imprisonment in the penitentiary; for subsequent offenses, the penalties may be doubled.

Under federal law (DEA, Title 21, Section 844), for simple possession of a controlled substance, one may be imprisoned for up to one year and/or fined up to \$1,000.00. For subsequent offenses, one may be imprisoned for up to three years and/or fined up to \$5,000.00. Under federal law, one may be fined up to \$8,000,000.00 and/or may be sentenced from not less than

10 years up to life in prison for trafficking in drugs. For violations of other federal drug laws, one may receive life in prison or the death penalty.

Under both state and federal laws, one may suffer the loss of whatever property (house, farm) or possessions (vehicle) which one may have used in the drug trade. Specific penalties under federal laws for trafficking in various controlled substances are outlined on the [DEA website](#).

Sanctions for violation of state alcohol laws vary from a fine of \$500.00 to \$4,000.00, a sentence of forty-eight hours to 12 months in jail, and/or suspension of one's operator's license, as well as impoundment of immobilization of vehicle.