

General Notice to All Student Aid Recipients at Watkins College

NOTICE OF FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PENALTIES FOR DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS

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Please be advised that pursuant HEA Sec. 484(r) (1) ;(20 U.S.C. 1091(r) (1) that, a conviction for any offense, during a period of enrollment for which the student was (is) receiving Title IV, HEA program funds, under any federal or state law involving possession or sale of illegal drugs will result in the **loss of eligibility for any Title IV, HEA Grant, loan, or work-study assistance**. This includes **all** federal aid: Pell, SEOG, ACG, Federal Work-Study, Subsidized Stafford Loans, Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Parent Loans (PLUS), etc.

Please refer to the chart below for more detailed information regarding this policy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office of Financial Aid at (615) 383-4848.

Title IV Ineligibility Chart for Drug Convictions

This chart illustrates the standard period of ineligibility for TITLE IV Funding based on whether the conviction was for sale or possession (including conspiring to sell drugs) and whether there were previous offenses.

	Possession of Illegal drugs	Sale of illegal drugs
1st Offense	1 year from date of conviction	2 years from date of conviction
2nd Offense	2 years from date of conviction	Indefinite period
3+ Offenses	Indefinite period	

Students who are convicted for *both* possession and sale of illegal drugs, and the periods of ineligibility are different; the student will be *ineligible* for the *longer period of time*.

A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility ends or when he successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program or, passes two unannounced drug tests given by such a program. Further drug convictions will cause ineligibility

Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain it after successfully completing a rehabilitation program, passing two unannounced drug tests from such a program, or if a conviction is reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record so that fewer than two convictions for sale or three convictions for possession remain on the record. In such cases, the nature and dates of the remaining convictions will determine when the student regains eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to certify his/her successful completion a rehabilitation program.