Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

A federal or state drug conviction can disqualify students for federal financial aid. Under the Higher Education Act, Title IV Section 485(k), students become ineligible for federal student aid programs upon a conviction under state or federal statutes for the sale (includes convictions for conspiring to sell drugs) or possession of drugs which occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV financial aid. Students who lose eligibility for federal financial aid for drug law violations will not be eligible for aid from the following:

Standards for a Qualified Drug Rehabilitation Program: