

Section 12 Notice of Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

HEA Sec. 488(g), amended HEA Sec 485 (20 USC 1092), added HEA 485(k)

Any student who is convicted for any drug offense during a period for which they were receiving Title IV financial aid (Pell Grant, TEACH, SEOG, Iran/Afghanistan Service Grant, Work Study, Perkins Loans, Stafford Loans, and PLUS Loans) may lose eligibility for federal financial aid.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended (HEA) suspends financial aid eligibility for students who have been convicted under federal or state law of the sale or possession of drugs, if the offense occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving federal student aid (Pell, SEOG, Iran/Afghanistan Service, or TEACH Grants, Perkins or Stafford loans, and/or work-study). If you have a conviction(s) for drug offenses, we encourage you to review documentation online <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/ondcp/recovery/fafsa.pdf> to find out how the law affects you.

The Drug Worksheet also has information to assist you in determining how to regain eligibility for federal student aid at:

<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/drugworksheets/attachments/StudentAidEligibilityWorksheetEng1415.pdf>

Students who are judicially suspended from Ferrum College due to drug offenses receive a letter from the Dean of Students regarding how to regain financial aid eligibility.