



## **DRUG VIOLATION POLICY**

**The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) requires schools participating in Federal student aid programs to provide to every student upon enrollment a separate, clear and conspicuous written note with information on the penalties associated with drug-related offenses.**

A student who had been convicted of any offense under Federal or state law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any Federal grant, Federal loan or Federal work assistance during the period beginning on the date of conviction and ending after the specified interval period as outlined in the following:

**For Possession of a controlled substance, ineligibility period is:**

First offense: 1 year from date of conviction

Second offense: 2 years from date of conviction

Third and subsequent offenses: Indefinite period

**For Sale of a controlled substance, ineligibility period is:**

First offense: 2 years from date of conviction

Second offense: Indefinite period

Third and subsequent offenses: Indefinite period

***Note that if the student was convicted of both possessing and selling illegal drugs, and the periods of ineligibility are different, the student will be ineligible for the longer period.***

**Regaining Eligibility:** A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility ends or when they successfully complete a qualified drug rehabilitation program that includes passing two unannounced drug tests given by such a program. Further drug convictions will make them ineligible again.

Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period could regain it, either after successfully completing a rehabilitation program, which includes 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 that they have successfully completed the rehabilitation program.

## **COLLEGE DRUG VIOLATION POLICY**

All violations will result in a suspension from college for one calendar year and till the satisfactory completion of a recommended alcohol or drug counseling and education program

Alcohol and drug violations, both on and off-campus, shall include, but not be limited to the following:

### **Alcohol**

- Possession of alcohol under the legal age (PAULA)
- Public intoxication
- Manufacture, use, or possession of false identification
- Alcohol overdose
- Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI)
- Involvement in a crime while under the influence of alcohol
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in University Residence Halls, fraternity houses, or sorority houses
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on University property outdoors or in other public areas of campus

### **Drug**

- Possession of a controlled substance
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Driving under the influence of drugs
- Drug trafficking
- Involvement in a crime while under the influence of drugs