



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Office of Financial Aid

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2020–2021 Statement—Drug Conviction Eligibility

We have received information from the federal processor that your answer to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid’s (FAFSA) Question 23 indicates one of the following:

- 1. You have a drug related conviction.** If this is correct, you are not eligible for federal student aid unless you complete a drug rehabilitation program and provide our office with appropriate documentation. If this is incorrect, please correct your FAFSA and resubmit it to the federal processor.
- 2. Your period of ineligibility for federal student aid, resulting from a drug related conviction ends on or after July 1, 2020 or on or before June 30, 2021.** Therefore, you are **not** eligible for aid during the 2020–2021 academic year. If this is incorrect, please correct your FAFSA and resubmit it to the federal processor.

If you have a drug related conviction and have completed a drug rehabilitation program, attach the appropriate documentation with this form and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid.

If you do not have a drug related conviction, and your FAFSA was answered incorrectly, please make the correction to your FAFSA and resubmit it to the federal processor.

- I certify that I have completed a drug rehabilitation program** and have provided the appropriate documentation with this form.
- I certify that I do not have a drug related conviction,** and that I answered Question 23 incorrectly. I have made the correction to my FAFSA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**IMPORTANT:** Please read the following page for detailed information related to your eligibility.

Florida State University’s **Use of Social Security Number** policy is available at  
[http://registrar.fsu.edu/bulletin/undergraduate/information/university\\_notices/](http://registrar.fsu.edu/bulletin/undergraduate/information/university_notices/)  
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[www.financialaid.fsu.edu](http://www.financialaid.fsu.edu)

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## Eligibility for FSA

Drug related convictions only conflict with your federal financial aid eligibility, if the offense occurred during a period of enrollment for which you were receiving FSA. An offense does not count against you if it occurred during a period in which you were either not enrolled or enrolled but not receiving FSA funds; unless you were denied federal benefits for drug trafficking or possession by a federal or state judge. Also, if you received a conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from your record it does not prevent you from receiving FSA funds, nor does one received as a juvenile, unless you were tried as an adult. If you have received a federal or state drug conviction (but not a local or municipal conviction), you may be disqualified from receiving federal student aid funds (FSA).

### **Period of Ineligibility for FSA Funds**

The chart below illustrates for how long a student may be considered ineligible for FSA funds, depending on the number of offenses committed and whether they were convicted for either the possession of or the sale of illegal drugs. If you received a conviction for conspiracy to sell drugs it is treated as a conviction for the sale of drugs.

	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
3rd offense	Indefinite Period	

*\*(IFAP [2019] Federal Student Aid Handbook, pp. 20-21.)*

If the student was convicted of both the possession and the sale of illegal drugs, and the periods of ineligibility are different, then student is expected to be ineligible for the longer period of the two offense.

### **Regaining Eligibility**

If you are a student who has become ineligible to receive FSA funding for a one or two year period, you will regain your eligibility for FSA funding **the day after the period of ineligibility ends or when you have successfully completed a qualified drug rehabilitation program** that includes passing two unannounced drug tests given by such a program. If you decide to regain your FSA funding eligibility by enrolling in a rehabilitation program, please provide the Financial Aid Office with appropriate documentation of the requirements listed above. If you receive an additional drug conviction, you will become ineligible again.

Per IFAP, if you are ineligible to receive FSA funding for an indefinite period, you can regain eligibility after completing one of the following options:

1. Successfully completing a rehabilitation program, as described below, which includes passing two unannounced drug tests from such a program.
2. Having the conviction 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.
3. Successfully completing two unannounced drug tests which are part of a rehab program (the student does not need to complete the rest of the program).

*It is your responsibility as a student to certify that you are have successfully completed the rehabilitation program.*

### **Standards for a Qualified Drug Rehabilitation Program**

A qualified drug rehabilitation program must include at least two unannounced drug tests and satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- Be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly from a federal, state, or local government program;
- Be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a federally or state-licensed insurance company;
- Be administered or recognized by a federal, state, or local government agency or court; or
- Be administered or recognized by a federally or state-licensed hospital, health clinic, or medical doctor.

\*All of this information and more can be found on the Federal Student Aid Handbook: <https://ifap.ed.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/2019-08/1920FSAHbkVol1Master.pdf>