

#### Reference # 4 Notice of Federal Student Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

Generally, if you have been convicted for the possession for sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid, you will be ineligible for a period of time based on the type and number of convictions. If you answer “Yes” to this question, it is very important that you complete and submit the FAFSA to determine your eligibility. If you complete the paper FAFSA, you will be mailed a worksheet to assist you in determining whether your conviction affects your eligibility for federal student aid. If you are applying using the electronic application at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov), you will be provided the electronic version of the same worksheet during your online session. Even if you are ineligible for federal student aid because of a drug conviction, you should still complete the FAFSA because most schools and states use FAFSA information to award nonfederal aid.

You have limited eligibility for federal aid while you’re incarcerated. Generally you’re only eligible for a Pell Grant and then only if you are NOT incarcerated in a federal or state penal institution.

Links to Drug Workshop are listed below:

[Drug Conviction Worksheets](#)