



All federal student financial aid applicants are required to meet certain criteria to be eligible for federal student aid programs. As such, the following is required by all applicants, and subsequently recipients of federal financial aid programs, provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

### Federal Financial Aid Eligibility Criteria

- Students must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens as defined on the FAFSA.
- Students must be registered for Selective Service, if required.
- Students must be working toward a degree in an eligible program.
- Students must be able to demonstrate financial need (except for certain loans).
- Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress each academic year.
- Students must certify that they are not in default on any federal student loan or owe a refund on a federal grant.
- Students must have a valid Social Security Number
- Students must certify that they will use federal student financial aid only for educational purposes.
- Students must not have been convicted of an offense involving either the possession or sale of illegal drugs that occurred while receiving Title IV aid.\*\*
- Students are not eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant if the student is subject to an involuntary civil commitment following incarceration for a sexual offense (as determined under the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program).

\*\* A federal or state drug conviction can disqualify a student for federal student aid funds. Students must self-certify in applying for aid that she/he is eligible; students not required to confirm this unless there is conflicting information. Convictions only count against a student for aid eligibility purposes, if they were convicted for an offense that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving federal student aid.