

CONSUMER NOTICES - Miscellaneous

I. CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day is the holiday that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is observed on September 17, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. In 2004, the holiday was renamed “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day”, and all education institutions who receive federal funding are required to commemorate the history of the American Constitution on this day. On Constitution Day, California Western encourages students to reflect on the liberties and freedoms protected by our Constitution. Be sure to check the calendar on the school website for Constitution Day activities. When Constitution Day falls on a weekend or on another holiday, schools and other institutions observe the holiday on an adjacent weekday.

II. NOTICE OF FINANCIAL AID PENALTIES FOR DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (“HEOA”), requires a school that participates in federal student aid to provide to every student upon enrollment a separate, clear and conspicuous written notice of the penalties associated with drug-related offenses and the loss of federal student aid eligibility as a result.

Students who have a conviction of any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs shall not be eligible to receive federal student aid during the period beginning on the date of conviction and ending after the “specified” interval.

When completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”), question 23(c) asks if the student has ever been convicted of a drug related offense that occurred while the student was receiving federal student aid (grants, loans, work-study). Failure to answer the question will automatically disqualify the student from receiving federal aid. Answering the question untruthfully, could result in fines, imprisonment or both. A student aid eligibility worksheet may be completed to further establish eligibility. The FAFSA is located at www.fafsa.gov.

Convictions count only if there were for an offense that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving federal aid. A conviction does not count if it was reversed, removed from the student’s record, or if the conviction occurred when the student was a juvenile, before the age of 18 (unless the student was tried as an adult).

According to the law, the following chart indicates the period of ineligibility for federal student aid. (A conviction for sale of drugs includes convictions for conspiring to sell drugs.)

	Possession of Illegal Drugs	Sale of Illegal Drugs
1 st offense	1 year from date of conviction	2 years from date of conviction
2 nd offense	2 years from date of conviction	Indefinite period
3+ offenses	Indefinite period	

A student may regain eligibility before the end of the ineligibility period listed above if:

1. The student completed a drug rehabilitation program that:
 - a. Complies with criteria the U.S. Secretary of Education prescribed in its regulations.
 - b. Includes two unannounced drug tests.
2. Or, the conviction is reversed or set aside.

It is the student's responsibility to certify to the Financial Aid Administrator that they have successfully completed a qualified rehabilitation program.

III. VOTER REGISTRATION

In compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act, California Western School of Law provides voter registration information to students. In general, any person who is a United States citizen and will be 18 years old as of the next election is eligible to register to vote.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements or if you have any other questions, visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/frequently-asked-questions/>, or contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (800) 345-8683.

The Secretary of State's website is a wonderful resource and has detailed information about registering to vote in California. To register, you will need to complete a Voter Registration Form. As detailed on the website, there are many ways to get the form:

I. Register Online or Download Form

You can apply to register to vote right now by filling in an online application. Voter registration forms can be filled in and/or downloaded at <http://registertovote.ca.gov/> or <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/>.

II. Pick Up a Voter Registration Application

You can also pick up a paper voter registration application at your county elections office, library, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, or U.S. post office. It is important that your voter registration application be filled out completely and be postmarked or hand-delivered to your county elections office at least 15 days before the election.

III. Absentee Ballot

If you are already registered and want an absentee ballot, contact your County Board of Elections in the county/state where you are registered.

Your vote counts! Register to vote—it's easy!