Dear Student:

UWM prohibits the unlawful possession, use, distribution, manufacturing or dispensing of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on university property or as part of university activities. Violation of these provisions by a student will lead to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions, which may include participation in a substance use educational program and/or probation, suspension, or expulsion. Additional information about the disciplinary process can be found under the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Disciplinary Procedures (Ch. UWS 17.10).

The Federal regulations also require that you are aware of how drug-related offenses may impact your eligibility for Federal student financial aid. Some students who have drug-related convictions while receiving Federal student aid may be ineligible for Federal student financial aid. According to the regulations, if you are convicted of a drug-related offense, you may face the following restrictions:

- For possession of illegal drugs, you are ineligible from the date of conviction (not arrest) for one year for a first offense, two years for a second offense and indefinitely for a third offense.
- For sale of illegal drugs, you are ineligible from the date of conviction (not arrest) for two years for a first offense and indefinitely for a second offense.

Question 23 on the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) asks the following question:

Have you been convicted of the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (such as grants, work-study, or loans)?

Per the instructions, you should answer “No” if you have never received federal student aid or if you have never had a drug conviction for an offense that occurred while receiving federal student aid. If you have a drug conviction for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid, you should answer “Yes.” Upon submission of the FAFSA, a worksheet will be provided to help you determine if your conviction affects your eligibility for aid. If you are unsure how to answer this question, call 1-800-433-3243 for help.

In an ongoing effort to mitigate high-risk behaviors, UWM has instituted a variety of alcohol and other drug (AOD) misuse prevention and intervention initiatives. On-campus confidential brief screening and intervention services are available to students through Norris Health Center. Students who would like to participate can learn more and sign up at uwm.edu/basics.
University Counseling provides confidential AOD assessment, brief counseling, crisis counseling and referral assistance. Students may call 414-229-4716 or visit uwm.edu/norris for more information.

Additional information regarding alcohol and other drug use, as well as available resources, can be found at makegooddecisions.uwm.edu

If you have any questions concerning the effects of drug and alcohol use or prevention programs at UWM, please call Susan Cushman, MPH, CHES, Campus Alcohol & Other Drug Coordinator, Norris Health Promotion and Wellness at 414-229-5836.

Thank you for your attention to this information.

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