

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

Drug-Free Campus Policy

Acknowledgement of Policy

As you are aware, all students new to St. Mary's College of Maryland are required to sign and return a statement acknowledging receipt of the college's policies and regulations concerning substance abuse. The following is a complete copy of the substance abuse policy that you agreed to abide by when you signed your application for admission.

Alcohol

Maryland law states that: (1) It is unlawful for any minor (a person under the age of 21) to possess or consume alcoholic beverages; (2) It is unlawful for any minor to represent or lie about his/her age in order to obtain alcoholic beverages; (3) It is unlawful for any person to obtain alcoholic beverages on behalf of a minor; and (4) It is unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages on public property unless authorized to do so by proper officials.

It is the responsibility of all faculty, staff, and students at St. Mary's College of Maryland to uphold the conditions of this state law. The College promotes an active, healthy social life on campus. Requests to serve alcohol at appropriate events should be directed to the Vice President and Dean of the College.

The full Campus Alcohol Policy is printed in the student handbook, *To The Point*. Copies are available in the Office of the Vice President and Dean of the College.

Controlled Substances

Students are expected to conform to the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities which outlines expected standards of behavior, rights and responsibilities, student conduct policies, judicial procedures for conduct violations, and sanctions. Specific to illicit drugs, and alcohol, Article II, Section J states:

“The following misconduct is subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution: Use, possession, or distribution of narcotics or controlled dangerous substances and related paraphernalia (including violation of the Campus Alcohol Policy) on College premises, except as expressly permitted by law and College regulations.”

The full Student Code is printed in the *To The Point*. Copies are available in the Office of the Vice President and Dean of the College.

Obligation to Inform

ANY STUDENT convicted of violating a criminal drug statute must notify the Director of Financial Aid, if that student is receiving any form of federal financial aid (for

example, Pell Grants). Conviction on any drug-related charge is grounds for forfeiture of federal financial aid.

College Sanctions

STUDENTS who violate the standards of conduct shall be subject to one or more of the following: written or verbal warning, restitution, restriction, and forced relocation, work sanctions, counseling, disciplinary probation, disciplinary suspension, and dismissal from the College. These sanctions are stated in the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities, distributed annually to students. The College will take disciplinary action based on reasonable available information unless the student voluntarily seeks assistance. Such action will be independent of any civil or criminal process precipitated by the same incident.