

## **St. Mary's College of Maryland Policy Regarding Student Criminal History Information**

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The College makes every effort to maintain a learning and living environment that is safe and free of potential threats of harm to our community. The College also seeks to support students with a criminal background, so as to provide those students with the opportunity to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to contribute positively to society.

### *Academic Enrollment*

A criminal history does not automatically disqualify an applicant from admission into the College. Where, however, the College learns that an applicant or admitted student has a criminal history (i.e., an arrest or criminal conviction), the College shall consider the following in making its decision to deny, limit, or revoke admission to the College.

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1. The age of the student at the time any aspect of the student's criminal history occurred;
2. The time that has elapsed since any aspect of the student's criminal history occurred;
3. The nature of the criminal history; and
4. Any evidence of rehabilitation or good conduct produced by the student.

### *Campus Residency*

As safety will always be the College's top priority, where the College learns that an applicant or admitted student has a criminal history which the College believes poses a risk of harm to our community, the College may elect to deny, rescind, or limit a student's access to campus residency. As with academic enrollment decisions, the College shall consider the following in making its decision to deny or limit campus residency:

1. The age of the student at the time any aspect of the student's criminal history occurred;
2. The time that has elapsed since any aspect of the student's criminal history occurred;
3. The nature of the criminal history; and
4. Any evidence of rehabilitation or good conduct produced by the student.

### *Support*

The College may also offer supportive counseling or services to help rehabilitate and educate a student with a criminal record on the barriers posed by having such a record.

At the College's [Wellness Center](#), confidential counseling is offered by our licensed mental health professionals, for all admitted students. The Center's multi-disciplinary team of

clinicians works collaboratively to optimize student wellness through seamless prevention and intervention.

### *Questions*

If you are seeking admission or have been admitted to the College and wish to discuss how the College's Policy Regarding Student Criminal History Information may apply to you, you may contact the College's Vice President for Enrollment Management at: 240-895-5005.