

CRIMINAL JUSTICE and **COLLEGE STUDENTS**



INCARCERATION AND FINANCIAL AID

Federal regulations prohibit incarcerated individuals from consolidating their federal student loans while they are incarcerated. Inmates can, however, apply for loan deferments, allowing them to defer payment of loans they took out prior to their incarceration. Once released, individuals may be eligible for new federal student loans, though convictions for certain drug offenses and some types of sex offenses

may result in limited access to student loans. With this information as a backdrop, list three reasons why financial aid should be tied to conviction and incarceration as well as three reasons why it shouldn't. Should inmates be able to take college courses while incarcerated? Would it make a difference if the course was offered online? Discuss your answers with your classmates.