
Policy: Admission of Ex-Offenders
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SUNY Sullivan is an open admission public institution providing students meet the admission criteria of the institution as outlined in the College Catalog.

SUNY Sullivan policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital or parental status, national origin or ancestry, age, mental and/or physical disabilities (except where they are bona fide occupational qualifications), sexual orientation, gender identity, military or veteran status, or other legally protected characteristics or conduct. The College's nondiscrimination policy applies to the admission and retention of students; recruitment, employment, and retention of faculty and staff; and access to and treatment in the College's programs and activities.

The College is obligated to provide and maintain an atmosphere within the College Community that is conducive to academic pursuits and ensure campus safety.

APPLICABILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

These policies are applicable to the admission of prospective students who have been convicted of a felony and/or dismissed from a college or university for disciplinary reasons.

The authority for this policy is:

1. 8NYCRR 605.2 – Admission to college programs shall be based on the qualifications of the applicant and shall be granted in a nondiscriminatory manner.
2. 8 NYCRR 600.2 – The college trustees shall discharge such other duties as may be appropriate or necessary for the effective operation of the college.

POLICY STATEMENT

SUNY Sullivan is governed by state and federal statutes, regulations, rules and policies of the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees as well as the regulations, rules and policies of the State University of New York (SUNY), and other applicable laws and collective bargaining agreements.

SUNY Sullivan will not deny the opportunity for admission to study solely because of your status as a known ex-offender or due to dismissal from another college. The College, however, reserves the right to deny the opportunity to study when such study would involve unreasonable risk to property or to the safety and welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

DEFINITIONS

Dean of Student Development Services (Dean). The individual designated to act as the central clearinghouse for reviewing and coordinating the admission of ex-offenders.

Dismissal from a college. Dismissal from a college for disciplinary reasons is defined as temporary and/or permanent separation from an institution of higher education on the basis of conduct or behavior.

Felony. A felony in New York State law is defined as a crime for which more than one year in prison may be imposed. The felony questions apply if you have been convicted as an adult. If you have been adjudicated as having juvenile delinquent or youthful offender status, you are not required to respond “yes” to the felony question.

Admissions Screening Committee. The persons duly charged by the President of SUNY Sullivan to review applications, felony and arrest records, and/or disciplinary records of applicants who have felony convictions and/or were dismissed from another educational institution. The Dean of Student Development Services, the Director of Public Safety, and The Director of Admissions are standing members of the committee though others may be appointed at the discretion of the President of SUNY Sullivan.