

Felony Conviction Policy - Admissions

Lock Haven University requires applicants for admission who have been convicted of criminal offense to disclose the information as part of the application process.

From the Application: Criminal offense is defined as a felony. Please disregard: minor traffic violations, offenses committed before your 18 birthday which were adjudicated in juvenile court under a Youth Offender Law, and any charges which have been expunged by a court or for which you successfully completed an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program. A conviction is an adjudication of guilt and includes determinations before a court, a district justice or magistrate and pleas of nolo contendere – (no contest)

LHU is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all members of the university community. In some cases, the university may impose conditions of admission when an applicant's criminal or disciplinary history gives rise to concerns regarding the maintenance of a safe environment. A student's previous conviction or conduct does not bar the admission of a qualified applicant to the university, but does require review to determine whether conditions are warranted. Determinations as to the imposition of conditions will be based upon the severity of the offense(s), the period of time that has lapsed between the completion of a sentence, if applicable, and the date of the review, and the extent to which the underlying conduct would be relevant to the student's participation in the University community.

Information to be submitted includes a criminal history with brief explanation, location (city, state, country) of conviction or previous conduct, dates and court disposition. This statement must also include a grant of permission to Lock Haven University for complete access to any criminal records. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to provide LHU with the specified information. An interview may also be required.

Students should note that some state professional standards prohibit the issuing of a license (e.g. registered nurses, teachers) to a convicted felon.

Applications must be received and completed at least 60 days prior to the start of the semester.

Review Committee:

The committee to review the individual situations will include the Chief of University Police, The Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, and Dean of Student and Residence Life.