



The Comebacker Grant

Available to students who are eligible to register, in good academic standing, and have had at least a one-year gap in attendance. The Comebacker Grant covers up to \$1000 per semester, for a maximum of three semesters after successful completion of the semester (minimum two Villa Maria College courses with a 2.0 semester GPA).

Eligibility Requirements

- Have an existing past-due balance with Villa Maria College of \$500 or less
- Have last attended Villa Maria College between January 2010 and December 2020
- Have earned at least thirty credits at Villa Maria College
- Submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit all required documents, or create a payment plan by the start of the next semester
- Have earned at least 30 credits at Villa Maria College
- Register for at least 6 additional college-level credits each semester
- Have not completed an associate degree or higher

Continuation Requirements

- Register for at least six credits each semester at Villa Maria College
- Earn a term GPA of 2.0 or higher each semester
- Complete 67% of credits attempted during the semester
- Attend at least one meeting with a member of the Student Success team each semester
- Develop an academic plan with an advisor
- Complete a FAFSA for each academic year
- Stay current with their student account balance

College staff will evaluate all previously earned credit, as well as any other degree pathways that might expedite graduation. They can also connect students with an academic adviser who will design a customized degree pathway that incorporates as many innovative and low-cost degree completion strategies as possible (including CLEP exams, which are evaluated by Villa Maria College for college-level credit, and courses taken at other institutions).

Students who believe they may qualify for this grant can meet with a financial aid advisor who will assist with any federal financial aid, difficulties completing financial aid applications, and previous student loan default.

For More Information

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