

# **The Completion Grant**

Available to current Villa Maria College students who are at risk of leaving the College. Students must be eligible to register (other than holds), in good academic standing, and at the junior or senior level. The grant covers up to \$1,000 per semester, for a maximum of three semesters.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Have a past-due balance with Villa Maria College of \$500 or less
- Be currently registered and in good academic standing at Villa Maria College
- Earned at least thirty credits at Villa Maria College
- Completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), including all required documents on file with the College's Financial Aid Office
- Exhausted their federal and state financial need eligibility
- Be registered for at least six additional college-level credits each semester
- Have not completed a bachelor's degree or higher

### **Continuation Requirements**

- Register for at least 6 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 during 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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