



The Reconnector Grant

Available to students with a past due bill of \$2,500 or less, are active (eligible to register other than holds) and in good academic standing. Additionally, students must have had at least a two-year gap in attendance. Students who qualify for and fulfill this program will have their past due balance reduced incrementally each semester.

Eligibility Requirements

- Students with an account balance (past due debt) of \$2,500 or less
- Last attendance at Villa Maria College was between January 2010 and December 2019
- 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
- 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 (students may also register for summer courses and must take at least six credits to be eligible)
- 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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