

## **Completer's Grant Packaging Policy**

The Board of Regents has approved for a limited time, a new financial aid framework, the Completers Grant, which is designed to incentivize near-completers in high demand fields such as teacher education, healthcare and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) at Louisiana's public two- and four-year institutions to earn their undergraduate degrees. The Completers Grant will provide scholarships to students who are within 30 credit hours of completing a degree at a two- or four-year campus. The intent of this program is to provide no more than two consecutive semesters of funding. The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) will administer this grant program which is being funded using one-time Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund dollars which are available through September 30, 2022.

### **Eligibility**

1. Undergraduate student who has not completed an initial associate's or bachelor's degree program
2. Louisiana Resident per FAFSA application
3. Have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
4. For credit programs, students shall meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) or have an approved SAP appeal on file.
5. For non-credit or short-term programs, students shall successfully complete course(s) sufficient to continue in their program of study as determined by the institution
6. Have 30 or less hours required to complete degree
7. Have a resource gap for tuition and fees after exhausting all resources excluding student loans
8. Must have a balance owed to the college for tuition and fees; a student should not receive a refund check/direct deposit from this fund
9. Must be enrolled through the 14<sup>th</sup> class day for standard term and 7<sup>th</sup> day for shorter terms
10. Must not exceed student's Cost of Attendance
11. Must not be in default on a student loan or owe a repayment for a Pell Grant or other federal grant programs.

### **Campus Allocations**

Allocation of funds to eligible participating two- and four-year public institutions have been determined by a formula developed by the Board of Regents based on the number of students projected to complete degrees and/or non-credit programs at the institution.

### **Award Amounts**

Delgado Community College has a \$100 minimum amount per student for the completer's grant and the maximum amount shall be limited to tuition, fees, and books as set forth on the student's fee bill.

### **Packaging Priorities**

Priority will be given to students completing their degree in STEM, health care, or teacher education fields and students who demonstrate the most financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Additional priority will be granted as below:

1. First, to those students who are expected to complete their program of study/graduating in the fall who have:
  - a. exhausted federal aid eligibility excluding federal subsidized/unsubsidized loans and state eligibility (TOPS, Go Grant, etc...)
  - b. limited availability for federal aid and other sources of aid
2. Second, to those students who are expected to complete their program of study/graduating in the spring who have:
  - a. exhausted federal aid eligibility excluding federal subsidized/unsubsidized loans and state eligibility (TOPS, Go Grant, etc...)
  - b. limited availability for federal aid and other sources of aid
3. Third, to those students who are expected to complete their program of study/graduating in the summer who have:
  - a. exhausted federal aid eligibility excluding federal subsidized/unsubsidized loans and state eligibility (TOPS, Go Grant, etc...)
  - b. limited availability for federal aid and other sources of aid

**Fall 2021 Process**

The Financial Aid Office will identify students who meet all eligibility criteria, have less than 30 hours to complete, have exhausted all financial resources, and have a remaining unpaid balance for the current semester. Priority will be given as stated in the policy. The Financial Aid Office will make student awards and bill LOSFA for funding.

**Spring 2022 Process**

The Financial Aid Office will identify students who meet all eligibility criteria, have less than 30 hours to complete, have exhausted all financial resources, and have a remaining unpaid balance for the current semester. Priority will be given as stated in the policy. The Financial Aid Office will make student awards and bill LOSFA for funding.

**Summer 2022 Process**

The Financial Aid Office will identify students who meet all eligibility criteria, have less than 30 hours to complete, have exhausted all financial resources, and have a remaining unpaid balance for the current semester. Priority will be given as stated in the policy. The Financial Aid Office will make student awards and bill LOSFA for funding.