



## **Notice of Availability of Institution and Financial Aid**

Valley Grande Institute for Academic Studies offers a variety of financial assistance programs. Students who are eligible can use such funds to defray tuition cost, and in this way increase the possibility to receive an education. Monies available through these financial aid programs can be in the form of a grant, a loan, work study, scholarship or a combination of the above.

For more information on Financial Aid, contact the financial aid office located in the Administration Building at 345 South Texas Blvd., Weslaco, TX. 78596.

### **Federal Pell Grant**

All eligible students can apply for a Pell Grant, which is an entitlement program that provides Federal grant monies for students.

To receive the maximum amount of monies the student must be enrolled as a full-time student. Students who are part-time can also receive monies, but the amount is prorated according to the student's hours in school attendance.

### **Federal Direct Loan Program**

Eligible students can apply for a Federally Subsidized Loan, such as the Stafford Student Loan Program. These are low interest loans and are funded through credit unions, banks, and commercial financial institutions. Loans through the State of Texas are administered through the Hanson-Hazelwood Student Loan Program.

Repayments of Stafford Loans commence six (6) months after the student stops taking course work. Students must be enrolled at least as a half-time student and making satisfactory academic progress, to be eligible for application. See the Financial Aid Office for details and application forms.

### **Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program**

These funds are available for parents who are willing to borrow money to help finance their children's education. Repayment of loans begins 60 days after the financial loan disbursement.

### **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program**

See Financial Aid office for more information.

### **Veterans Administration Educational Benefits**

Valley Grande Institute for Academic Studies is approved to train Veterans as outlined by the Veterans Administration Provisions. For eligibility criteria, contact the school's Financial Aid office.

