

External Financing and Scholarship Opportunities

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Dear Students and future Students of Bard College Berlin,

This is a short guide through scholarships available to you, to help you fund your college education.

- **Government/Federal Aid Options**
- **Foundations offering aid for studies in Germany**
- **External private scholarships, search portals, and tips**

Government and Federal Aid Option

1. **Germany: BAföG**

Eligibility: All international students

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/>

BAföG for foreign students

Award: Students who still live with their parents receive basic assistance in the amount of **422€**. Students with their own flat receive **597€**, independent of the actual amount of rent paid. If the student's flat costs more than 146€ per month, then the BAföG office pays an additional 64€. In addition, BAföG provides **73€** for health insurance and long-term care insurance. In total, students who live with their parents can receive a maximum of **495€** and the others **670€**.

<https://www.studentenwerk-karlsruhe.de/en/finanzen/bafoeg/>

You can apply for BAföG if you fulfill the criteria of §8 Bafög law (<https://www.xn--bafg-7qa.de/de/-8-staatsangehoerigkeit-224.php>). That means that foreign students can receive BAföG should they have already lived in Germany for some years or plan to stay in Germany for a long period of time. Students with recognized refugee status in Germany are also eligible for BAfög. For EU-citizens it is usually much easier to apply for BAföG than for non-EU citizens. Furthermore you have to be younger than 30 years of age at the beginning of your studies. Your application will be verified according to your and your parent's earnings. If your own property is valued at more than 5.200 Euro or your parents earn more than the criteria in §24 BAföG law allows, you are not eligible to receive BAföG. You can find various BAföG calculation tools in the web and get further information at the BAfög office at your student union. Keep in mind that you will have to repay 50% of the disbursements you have received on an interest-free base. You have to start repayment for the loan-part 5 years at latest after finishing your study.

For more information contact the BAföG-Hotline of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research under: **0800-2236341**

BAföG Service Office in Karlsruhe

Adenauerring 7

Foyer of the Mensa

76131 Karlsruhe

Opening hours

Mo. - Fr. 10:00 - 14:00

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2. **Austria: Studien Beihilfen**

Eligibility: Austrian citizens, EU citizens, and registered refugees have the opportunity to apply for financial aid from the Austrian government. Please see the first link for more information about who qualifies.

Award: The amount of student aid granted is determined with reference to household income and personal need. Austrian students who are studying outside of Austria do have the chance to receive financial aid for their studies. Specifically, Austrian students studying in Germany could receive up to **521 euros** of financial aid, which includes a travel stipend. Please see the second link about Austrian financial aid abroad.

<https://www.stipendium.at/studienfoerderung/studienbeihilfe/wer-hat-anspruch/>

<https://www.stipendium.at/studienfoerderung/beihilfe-ausland/auslandsbeihilfe/>

3. Belgium: Bourses d'Études

Eligibility: Financial aid is available for Belgian students. Eligibility depends on which language speaking community one belongs to. Because of this, it is important to see whether the financial aid can be applied to universities outside of Belgium. See the link below to find out eligibility and award potentials.

https://www.belgium.be/fr/formation/cout_des_etudes/bourses_d_etudes

4. France: Bourse sur Critieres Sociaux

Eligibility: French citizens, EU citizens, and registered refugees have the opportunity to apply for financial aid from the French government based on university enrollment as well as your socioeconomic status. Students applying need to submit tax forms and a confirmation of enrollment from their university. Please see the first link for specific requirements and regulations governing eligibility.

Award: The amount of student aid granted is determined in accordance with household income and personal need. French students studying within an EU country at university of a French equivalency have the opportunity to receive financial aid. There is also an opportunity to receive a travel stipend should the student qualify.

Deadline: Applications are due by May 31 for the 2017-2018 academic year.

http://www.education.gouv.fr/pid285/bulletin_officiel.html?cid_bo=103374

<http://www.etudiant.gouv.fr/pid33628/vos-aides-financieres.html>

5. Netherlands: Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs

Eligibility: If you are the citizen of a EU/EEA-country or Switzerland, you will qualify for student finance if you have been living in the Netherlands for 5 consecutive years or more, or, if you or your non-Dutch parent or partner work in the Netherlands for at least 56 hours a month.

If you are not a national of an EU/EEA-country or Switzerland, you can still qualify for student finance if you have a residence permit type II, III or IV.

Award: Student finance comprises 3 components: a loan, a student travel product and a supplementary grant (depending on parental income). To find out what the income limit is and how much supplementary grant you can get., use calculator on the website

<https://duo.nl/particulieren/international-student/student-finance/how-does-it-work.asp>

<https://duo.nl/particulieren/international-student/student-finance/applying-for-student-finance.asp>

<https://duo.nl/particulieren/international-student/student-finance/payment.asp>

Contact info (DUO Info Line): 050 599 77 55

6. Portugal: Borse

Eligibility: The Portuguese government offers financial aid to Portuguese students. Please see their terms and conditions to verify whether government financial aid is applicable to other EU institutions.

<https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt>

7. United States: Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)

FAFSA Eligibility:

Students who:

- are U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or eligible non-citizens
- have a valid Social Security Number
- have a high school diploma or GED
- are registered with the U.S. Selective Service (if you are a male aged 18-25)
- complete a FAFSA promising to use any federal aid for educational purposes

- do not owe refunds on any federal student grants
- are not in default on any student loans, and
- have not been found guilty of the sale or possession of illegal drugs during a period in which federal aid was being received.

FAFSA deadlines are set by federal and state agencies, as well as individual school financial aid offices, and vary widely. Some schools have deadlines as early as the second week in January!

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Scandinavian Countries

1) Sweden

Eligibility: If you are registered as a Swedish citizen, hold a Swedish passport, or are a permanent resident of at least 5 years, you are eligible for CSN.

Award: Student finance comprises different components. You can either register for a loan, for support for your studies, or be eligible for both. The sum you receive is usually standardized but also depends on your age, income, and family situation (married, with children, etc.)

<http://www.csn.se/en/2.1034/2.1036>

<http://www.csn.se/>

Contact info (CSN information service): 0771-276 000

2) Norway

Eligibility: Much like the Swedish CSN, the Norwegian Lånekassen applies to Norwegian citizen or passport holders, but some internationals can be eligible under certain circumstances.

Award: Lånekassen is based on loans, and so the sum can differ depending on what is requested and the circumstance of study.

<https://www.lanekassen.no/nb-NO/Languages/About-the-Norwegian-State-Educational-Loan-Fund/>

<https://www.lanekassen.no/nb-NO/Stipend-og-lan/Utland/>

Contact info: + 47 21 49 60 00

Student Support from Foundations

8. Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst

Eligibility: Eligible students come from the European Union or a candidate country of the European Union and are enrolled at a German institute of higher education, have a good academic record, a proven interest in social engagement, and are members of an evangelical church (with certain exceptions). Students must not be beyond their third semester of study and must provide evidence of good knowledge of German (the Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang).

Award: funding covers up to 649 Euros per month plus 300 Euros study cost allowance

<https://www.evstudienwerk.de/bewerbung/studium/unsere-stipendium.html>

Deadline 1: 1st of March

Deadline 2: 1st of September

9. Hans Böckler Stiftung

Eligibility: Students who want to study at a university in a Member State of the European Union or in Switzerland.

Award: Monthly grant of up to € 735 plus € 300 study cost allowance.

<http://www.boeckler.de/4374.htm>

Deadline (Fall Semester): April 30th

10. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Eligibility: Prospective or current German undergraduate students who have an excellent academic record and an interest in social and political engagement and the furtherance of Christian-democratic values.

Award: stipends of up to 597EUR (depending on the economic situation of the parents) are available plus a study cost allowance 300EUR. Study abroad can be up to two semesters financially supported. All benefits are granted as non-repayable grants.

<http://www.kas.de/wf/de/71.12068/>

11. Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

Eligibility: German undergraduate students with an excellent academic record and a proven record of social engagement in accordance with the aims of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. Students can apply after the second semester of B.A. study; they must have at least half of their B.A. program still to complete.

Award: Monthly grant of up to € 597 plus a € 300 study cost allowance.

For questions and more information:

<http://www.rosalux.de/studienwerk/studienstipendium.html>

Tel.: (030) 44310-223

Email: studienwerk@rosalux.de

Telephone opening hours for applicants:

Tuesday: 14:00-16:00h

Friday: 10:00-12:00h

12. Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Eligibility: German and EU students enrolled at a German institute of higher education who have an excellent academic record; students can apply independently or be proposed by the institution at which they are enrolled after one year of study.

Award: Monthly grant of up to € 649 plus € 300 study cost allowance.

<http://www.studienstiftung.de/studienfoerderung/finanzen/stipendien/>

13. The British Chamber of Commerce in Germany (BCCG) Foundation Scholarships

Eligibility: Citizens of the UK are eligible to apply for awards for study or research in Germany, and German citizens for awards for study or research in the UK.

Deadline: Applications must be received by the BCCG Foundation between 1 May and 30 June.

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/current-students/study-abroad/postgraduate/europe/british-commerce-germany>

Search portals, private scholarships, and tips

In this section, you will find websites that offer many scholarships and all sorts of financial aid to students with all kinds of backgrounds.

- **International Scholarships**
- **Scholarships for Development**
- **Scholarship Portal**
- **Embassy Scholarships**
- **Unigo**

International Scholarships

The International Scholarship Search is the premier financial aid, college scholarship and international scholarship resource for students wishing to study abroad. Here you can find many different scholarships for people from different backgrounds.

<http://www.internationalscholarships.com/>

Scholarships for Development

Scholarships for Development, is an updated listing of international scholarships specifically for people from developing countries, people who would like to pursue development-related fields, and people who seek global and national development through further education.

<http://www.scholars4dev.com/>

Scholarship Portal

ScholarshipPortal.eu is a centralized European platform providing information on all scholarships offered for studying in Europe. The database already contains over 700 programs; in total there is an estimated € 15.6 billion of scholarship funds available annually.

<http://www.scholarshipportal.com/>

Embassy Scholarships

Check your embassy to see if they have any available scholarships or funding. From time to time, embassies will support study abroad/international students.

Unigo

is a website with variety of scholarships available to undergraduate students of all ages and throughout all years of continued education.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/undergraduate-students>

a) Unigo \$10K Scholarship for Residents of the US

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship>

Award: \$10 000

Application Deadline: December 31, 2017

Applicants must:

- Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application
- Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia
- Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2021) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education

b) Education Matters Scholarship

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

Award: 5000 \$

Application Deadline: November 30, 2017

Applicants must:

- Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application
- Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia
- Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2021) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education