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### Introduction to the promotion of the highly talented Students of the Federal Republic of Germany

The decision to study at a university naturally involves expenses. Even though we in Germany have the privilege of not having to pay tuition fees, or only very low ones, there are a whole lot of other costs that have to be dealt with while studying. In addition to the place of living at the university, insurance costs, teaching materials and the costs of daily necessities, these certainly should include as well drinking a cappuccino at your favourite coffee shop or a beer at the Späti around the corner. There are various ways to finance your studies. In addition to obtaining help from your own family, you can also finance your studies by taking on a part-time job. Another possibility, which is used by more and more students every year, is a scholarship. A scholarship is a financial support paid by a social or economic institution that focuses on the promotion of the new academic generations. The institutions are usually foundations that belong to an important social actor. The application for a scholarship takes place at the institutions themselves. The scholarships are very competitive and are aimed at



**Important:** Find out about application procedures and deadlines in advance, as application documents are usually very time-demanding.

students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic and social achievements. In addition to financial support, a scholarship also includes non-material support. Each institution can set the impulses and directions that are important to it and can convey to young students the professional and normative values and contents that are important to them.



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When it comes to scholarship providers, a distinction must be made between the 13 organisations for the promotion of the highly talented, which are recognised by the BMBF, and organisations from business and civil society. The 13 organisations for the promotion of the highly talented are the 13 organisations for the promotion of studies in the Federal Republic of Germany that are officially recognised and supported by the German state. Each of the foundations belongs to an important social actor. For example, the political foundations of all parties represented in the Bundestag can be found among them. But foundations of the world religions and the trade unions are also included here. The selection of the 13 foundations for the promotion of the talented is strictly regulated and takes place over several selection rounds; in principle, students from all courses of study can apply. Less than 1% of all students in Germany receive support from one of the scholarships of the talented. The aim of the promotion of the talented is to produce the next generation of leaders in politics, business and society. An overview of the 13 scholarships of the talented organisations, their focus, contact details and their website can be found on this website.

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