Hochschulstiftung Südwestfalen at the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences

Call for applications (WS 2026/2027)

Starting with the winter semester 2010/2011, the Hochschulstiftung Südwestfalen awards scholarships to students of the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences.

Funding criteria: Students enrolled at the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences whose personal circumstances make their studies significantly more difficult are eligible.

Amount of scholarship: The scholarship amounts to € 1,000 per semester.

Scholarship duration: The scholarship may be awarded at the start of studies and is initially awarded for one academic year. It is possible to extend the scholarship up to a maximum of one semester after the end of the individual standard period of study. Re-application is possible on the basis of proven academic achievement; please refer to the application procedure below for deadlines and application forms. Leaves of absence will result in the scholarship being interrupted. This does not apply to leaves of absence to study abroad. Exmatriculation will result in the loss of eligibility for further funding. Funding cannot be combined with the Deutschlandstipendium.

Application procedure:

- Applications should be sent to the Chair of the Executive Board of the Hochschulstiftung.
- Please enclose the application:

First-year students	Students
- Report on the state of school education (max. one DIN A4 page) - Proof of previous academic achievements (school leaving certificate)	- Report on the state of studies (max. one DIN A4 page) - Current certificate of enrolment - Proof of examination results (current transcript of records)

- Description of the special personal situation and reasons for the application, which in particular also shows the student's extracurricular or social commitment.
- A description of why it is not possible to finance your studies from your own resources, using the 'Description of financial situation' form. Please enclose bank statements.
- Information on whether and, if so, the amount of any scholarship received from another scholarship provider.
- International students: a copy of the passport with reference to the residence permit.
- Where applicable, a signed declaration of consent to the processing of health data.

- The Selection Committee will review the applications and select the candidates to be funded in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Board of the foundation.

Application deadline is 1.7.2026. The scholarship application, along with all required attachments, must be submitted in full as a single PDF file via the following link in Sciebo by this date:
https://fh-swf.sciebo.de/s/MyMNK6Ea5zDtYHo.

Application documents and information can be found on the website of the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences at https://www.fh-swf.de/cms/hochschulstiftung. Ms. Weiß (svenja.weiss@stifterverband.de) from the Deutsches Stiftungszentrum (www.deutsches-stiftungszentrum.de) will be happy to answer your questions.

Scholarship guidelines of the Hochschulstiftung Südwestfalen

as of 04/02/2026

Starting with the winter semester 2010/2011, the Hochschulstiftung Südwestfalen awards scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to talented and motivated students at the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences.

Special consideration is given to social criteria in the funding decision.

Funding criteria:

Scholarships are awarded upon application to students of the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences in Bachelor's/Master's degree courses that correspond to the defined focus. The focus of the scholarship programme is proposed annually by the Board of Trustees and decided by the Executive Board. The announcement will be made in the current call for applications. Only those applicants will be considered whose school or study background indicates that they are likely to successfully complete their studies.

Amount of scholarship:

The scholarship amounts to € 1,000 per semester.

Scholarship duration:

The scholarship may be awarded at the start of studies and is initially awarded for one academic year. It is possible to extend the scholarship up to a maximum of one semester after the end of the individual standard period of study. Students must apply for an extension of the funding; please refer to the application procedure below for deadlines and application forms.

Leaves of absence will result in the scholarship being interrupted. This does not apply to leaves of absence to study abroad.

Funding cannot be combined with the Deutschlandstipendium.

Application procedure

The application process takes place in the winter semester. The deadline for applications is usually 1 July each year for the following winter semester.

Student applications should be sent to the Chair of the Executive Board, who will then forward the applications to the Selection Committee.

Please enclose the application:

- Report on the status of your studies, current certificate of enrolment
- Proof of previous academic achievements or examination results (degree certificate or current transcript of records)
- Description of the special personal situation and reasons for the application, which in particular also shows the student's extracurricular or social commitment
- Description of why it is not possible to finance your studies from your own resources, using the 'Description of financial situation' form, as well as bank statements of the last 4 months

- International students: a copy of the passport with reference to the residence permit.
- Information on whether and, if so, the amount of any scholarship received from another scholarship provider.
- Where applicable, a signed declaration of consent to the processing of health data.

The information on which the application is based must be credible to the Selection Committee. In order to justify the decision, applicants may be interviewed or, with their consent, references may be obtained.

Selection procedure

A central Selection Committee decides on the award of scholarships.

The Executive Board appoints the members of the Selection Committee each year in consultation with the Board of Trustees. It consists of

a. two non-student representatives of the university and
b. two students of the university.

One representative of the DSZ - Deutsches Stiftungszentrum GmbH in the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft is an advisory member.

The members of the Executive Board may participate in the deliberations of the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will review the applications and select the candidates to be funded in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Board of the foundation. Additional criteria may include, for example, involvement in extra-curricular activities, motivation for studying at the South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences and for applying for the scholarship.

Candidates will be notified in writing of the decision to award or not to award the scholarship by the Executive Board without further explanation.

Miscellaneous:

By accepting the scholarship, the scholarship holder undertakes to inform the foundation immediately of any changes that may affect the award of the scholarship.

The Hochschulstiftung Südwestfalen reserves the right to

a. amend or withdraw the scholarship if the scholarship holder does not fulfil the conditions of approval applicable to the scholarship;

b. to make amendments and additions to the Scholarship Regulations.

Issued on the basis of the decision of the Executive Board of the Hochschulstiftung Südwestfalen of February 4, 2025 in agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Hochschulstiftung Südwestfalen.