

# Guideline for the Grating of a Scholarship of Internationaler Freundeskreis Wolfsburg e.V. (IFK)

The IFK aims to provide young adults with valuable, multicultural experiences abroad by supporting international stays through financial scholarships.

#### 1. Application criteria

- Students from Wolfsburg who are planning to study abroad
- Students from Wolfsburg who are planning to undertake a period of study abroad and have reached at least 16 years of age at the time of departure
- Individuals from Wolfsburg who have not yet reached the age of 27 and are planning to engage in voluntary service abroad

#### 2. Eligibility criteria

Funding is generally provided on a one-time basis for international scholarships, primarily for study or stays in one of Wolfsburg's partner cities. It also applies to scholarship recipients from abroad studying at the Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences campus in Wolfsburg.



### 3. Amount of funding

The IFK generally decides on the scholarship amount to be awarded to an eligible candidate. For an international study program, the scholarship is paid out in monthly instalments of 100 euros, starting from the beginning of the study, for up to one year. An international stay is supported by a one-time payment of up to 500 euros. However, there is no guarantee that candidates will receive this discretionary amount.

## 4. Written Application

In addition to a formal application letter stating the motivation behind the international stay, the following documents are required:

- A brief resume of the applicant
- A cost and financing plan outlining the applicant's personal financial efforts
- Confirmation of the stay from a foreign organisation and/or university
- Proof of language proficiency (sufficient)
- Submission of "experience reports" during and after the stay

Applicants are expected to acknowledge and fulfil these criteria.

#### 5. Deadlines

An application must be submitted at least three months before the start of the international stay.



# 6. "Experience Report" — what is it?

The IFK endeavors to promote the exchange of personal experiences between scholarship recipients, its members as well as interested citizens. During their stay abroad, scholarship recipients are required to provide quarterly reports on their experiences in the form of travel reports. These "experience reports" will be made accessible to IFK members and interested parties through publications on the association's media platforms (website, newsletter and social media). By submitting the reports, scholarship recipients consent to the publication of their names, texts, images and videos in the association's media platforms. They also confirm that the individuals photographed or mentioned in the reports have given their consent to publication.

The consent form attached must be completed by the scholarship recipient.

During or after the international stay, a report of the scholarship recipient's experiences must be presented publicly at an official IFK event. A suitable date for this presentation will be arranged in advance of the recipient's return to Wolfsburg.

#### 7. Refund of Scholarship Payment

The scholarship payment must be refunded if the recipient has obtained it on the basis of false information.

The scholarship payment must be refunded in full or in part if the respective international study program or international stay does not take place or is significantly shortened.

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