

## ALLOWANCES, GRANTS, FINANCIAL SUPPORT (external)

### FAMILY ALLOWANCE (“Familienbeihilfe”) incl. CHILD TAX CREDIT (“Kinderabsetzbetrag”)

If students’ parents provide child support for their children, basically they are allowed to receive family allowance (“Familienbeihilfe”) under certain conditions. For children of age under 24\*, there is a possibility to receive further family allowance for the period between the completion of the school education and the earliest possible start of their further education. The child tax credit (“[Kinderabsetzbetrag](#)”) will be paid out together with the family allowance and does not have to be requested separately. The child tax credit is not a kind of family allowance, but a deduction amount that is paid in the form of a negative tax.

#### Entitled persons

**Austrian citizens** and furthermore equated EU/EEA citizens (given parity of treatment) and equated third-country nationals (given parity of treatment) with a valid permanent residence card for the EU (“Daueraufenthaltskarte EU”), equated stateless persons (given parity of treatment), recognized asylum seekers.

#### Duration of entitlement period

Minimum duration of study time plus 1 semesters of tolerance each study stage (BA/MA) or 2 tolerance semester in case of a Diploma Programme.

#### Age limit

**Completed 24th or 25th year of one’s life** (due to presence or civilian service, birth of a child or other reasons)

#### Other requirements

The student may not change the field of studies more than twice and has to change it before the third semester; limits of income levels should be observed (limit of income from the 19th year: up to €15.000 annually).

#### Required documents

Confirmation of enrolment (“Studienblatt”), until 30 September: **8 semester hours or 16 ECTS** for the first year of the studies, afterwards the “FLAG”<sup>1</sup>-confirmation (for self-printing via your KUGonline) is sufficient.

#### Contact point

Responsible **Tax Office** (concerning the residence of the parents)

Here to find: [service.bmf.gv.at/service/anwend/behoerden/](https://service.bmf.gv.at/service/anwend/behoerden/)

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<sup>1</sup> “FLAG” = “Familienlastenausgleichsgesetz” (Austrian Family Charges Equalization Act)

## Further Information

- Family allowance for students: <https://bit.ly/2XNuRGF> (German language only)
- Amount of the family allowance: <https://tinyurl.com/y7xndarw>
- Calculator for the family allowance: [familienbeihilfenrechner.bmfj.gv.at/](https://familienbeihilfenrechner.bmfj.gv.at/) (German language only)
- Information of the Federal Ministry: <https://bit.ly/3HhN2Yo> (German language only)
- Information of the Austrian Chamber of Labour (“Arbeiterkammer”, aka “AK”): <https://bit.ly/2LWaSyA> (German language only)

## FEDERAL AID FOR STUDENTS (“Studienbeihilfe”)

The federal aid for students is an important measure of the Austrian state funding. If students’ parents or students themselves are not able to bear the costs associated with studying from their own funds, the “Studienbeihilfe” will intervene under certain conditions. Everyone who receives “Studienbeihilfe” is also entitled to further benefits such as transport cost allowances, insurance cost subsidy or study allowances etc.

### Entitled persons

- **Austrian citizens** and furthermore equated EU/EEA citizens (given parity of treatment) and equated third-country nationals (given parity of treatment) with a valid permanent residence card for the EU (“Daueraufenthaltskarte EU”), equated stateless persons (given parity of treatment), recognized asylum seekers
- Regular Students
- Basically, **social need** is a precondition (the social need is assessed on the basis of income and family status of the student, his\*her parents and his\*her spouse or partner)
- Favorable **academic results**

### Duration of entitlement period

**Minimum duration of study time plus 1 semester of tolerance** (according to “StudFG”)<sup>2</sup>

### Age limit

The student has to start his\*her studies before having reached the age of 33 [exceptions: gainful employment (see “[Selbsterhalterstipendium](#)” for students), child care or disablement increases the age limit as well as being with a Master’s Programme to a maximum of 38 years of age].

### Other requirements

The student may not change the field of studies more than twice and not at all after the second semester; **no equivalent study programme** or comparable post-secondary education in Austria and abroad **may have been completed** before<sup>3</sup>; Limits of income levels should be observed (limit of income: up to €15.000 annually).

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<sup>2</sup> “StudFG” = „[Studienförderungsgesetz](#)” (Student Support Act) (German language only)

<sup>3</sup> Exception: short studies and Doctoral and Master's Programmes/combined Master's and Doctoral Programmes

## Required documents

**Proof of favorable academic results:** This proof has to be submitted at different stages of the Degree Programme and in varying extents by means of positively completed examinations and courses from the compulsory and elective subjects.

During the first two semesters of studies, proof of admission as a regular student will be sufficient as proof of academic advancement. Afterwards the following applies:

### **Bachelor's / Diploma Programme:**

After two semesters: 30 ECTS or 14 semester hours,

After the sixth semester: 90 ECTS or 42 semester hours

### **Master's Programme:**

After two semesters: 20 ECTS or 10 semester hours,

After the sixth semester: 90 ECTS or 42 semester hours (if there is still an entitlement to federal aid due to tolerance semesters)

### **Doctoral Programme:**

After two semesters: 12 ECTS or 6 semester hours,

After the sixth semester: written confirmation issued by the supervisor of the dissertation. The supervisor has to confirm the successful progress of the student's dissertation

**ATTENTION:** From the Winter Term 2024 on, academic success can generally only be **proven with ECTS credits** (semester hours can no longer be used as proof of success).

A current overview can be found here: [www.stipendium.at](http://www.stipendium.at)

## Contact point

**Austrian Study Grant Authority in Graz:** "[Stipendienstelle Graz](#)", Metahofgasse 30, 8020 Graz

## Application deadlines

Winter Term: **20 September – 15 December**

Summer Term: **20 February – 15 May**

## Required documents for the application

- **Application form available on:** <https://www.stipendium.at/service/downloads/> (download form or directly apply online: <https://www.stipendium.at/service/antrag-online-stellen/>)
- Your **confirmation of admission** (for self-printing via your KUGonline)
- If applicable, confirmation of admission of your brothers/sisters
- Your **Transcript of Records** (see "Required proofs" above)
- Your **birth certificate** and, if applicable, that of your brothers/sisters, your own child/children
- If applicable, your Bachelor's Degree (if starting a Master's Programme)
- If applicable, your Master's Degree, Diploma (if starting a Doctoral Programme)

- If applicable, proof of income of the last four years (in the case of a self-employed scholarship “Selbsterhalterstipendium”)
- If applicable, the notification of the parent’s/spouse’s/registered partner’s pension

For initial applications or changes additionally required, if applicable:

- Military service book or civil service record (if the military service or civilian service has already been completed)
- Marriage certificate (if you are married or a parent has changed his\*her name)
- Divorce certificate (if you or your parents are divorced)
- Death certificate (of the biological parents)

### Further Information

- Student Support Act („Studienförderungsgesetz“): <https://bit.ly/2LrIOVx> (German language only)
- Information about federal aid for students: [www.stipendium.at/studienfoerderung/studienbeihilfe/](http://www.stipendium.at/studienfoerderung/studienbeihilfe/) (German language only)
- Online application: [www.stipendium.at/service/antrag-online-stellen/](http://www.stipendium.at/service/antrag-online-stellen/)
- Information of oesterreich.gv.at: <https://bit.ly/3whokS8> (German language only)

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY (Studying with a child)

The student support offers the following regulations <sup>4</sup> for mothers and fathers who are studying:

- **Care and upbringing of a child up to the age of 6** during the course of studies prolongs the duration of the study allowance by up to 2 semesters per child
- A **pregnancy** during the study period extends the duration of the period of study support by 1 semester
- For students with children, the permissible **age limit** (beginning of studies before the age of 33) is increased by 5 years
- For a [Studienabschluss-Stipendium](#) **child raising periods during the leave of absence** will be considered
- For the final phase of your studies, a child care allowance can be granted for childcare costs

### Further Information

<https://www.stipendium.at/stipendien/weitere-foerderungen#c297>

## VARIOUS SUBSIDIES

In addition to the federal aid for students, the Austrian Student Support Act contains a number of further measures for funding the studies: **Transport Cost Allowances, Insurance Cost Allowance, Child Care Subsidy and Study Allowance.**

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<sup>4</sup> The best way to get more information is to contact directly to the “Stipendienstelle Graz” or see online: [www.stipendium.at](http://www.stipendium.at).

## Transport Cost Allowances (“FKZ”)

Transport Cost Allowances replace part of the travel expenses incurred in coherence with your studies. There are three different types of transport cost:

- **General transport cost allowance** (“Allgemeiner Fahrtkostenzuschuss” FKZ1)

This applies to students who receive “Studienbeihilfe” and live at the place of study and need public transport every day. Required proof: copy of a personal public transport ticket (e.g. Top Ticket).

- **Commuter allowance** (“Pendlerzuschuss“ FKZ2)

Students who receive “Studienbeihilfe” and who commute to the place of study, because the daily return trip to and from the place of study is reasonable, will receive a commuter allowance without having to prove travel expenses.

- **Journey home allowance** (“Heimfahrtzuschuss“ FKZ3)

Students who receive “Studienbeihilfe” and whose parents live in Austria, but more than 200 km away from the place of study, will receive a journey home allowance without having to prove their travel expenses.

### Important

- You do not have to apply separately for that, with the exception of General transport cost allowance (“Allgemeiner Fahrtkostenzuschuss” FKZ1) – here a personal public transport ticket must be submitted.
- The payment is made in 10 monthly rates, for the months August and September there will be no subsidy (“FKZ”).
- The “FKZ” must be paid back under the same conditions as the federal aid.

### Further Information

<https://www.stipendium.at/stipendien/weitere-foerderungen>

## RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT (“Wohnunterstützung”)

### Prerequisite

Residential support can be granted under certain conditions for rented apartments only (not for condominiums).

Legal basis: [“Steiermärkisches Wohnunterstützungsgesetz“](#), [“Wohnunterstützungsverordnung“](#)

### Entitled persons<sup>5</sup>

- **Austrian citizens**
- Equated EU/EEA citizens
- Recognized Asylum seekers

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<sup>5</sup> See also for Styria: <http://www.soziales.steiermark.at/cms/ziel/5361/DE/> (German language only)

- Tenants without an Austrian citizenship who have been staying permanently in Austria for more than 5 years and who have a license to labour market of Austria or a residence permit with access to employment market without restraint.

The amount of the residential support depends on various factors, like income of your parents or your own income etc. Therefore, we recommend you to inform yourself directly at the responsible authority.

### Required documents for students

- Your **confirmation of admission** (for self-printing via your KUGonline)
- **Proof of receiving federal aid for students** (“Studienbeihilfebescheid”)
- **Proof of receiving family allowance** (“Familienbeihilfenbescheid”)
- If applicable, **proof of your income**
- **Proof of income** from your parents
- **Proof of income** from all members in the apartment
- **Rental contract**
- **Deposit slip of payment of the rent** or a confirmation from the landlord
- **Proof of your citizenship**, for non-EEA citizens a copy of your passport and residence / work permit, if applicable
- **Registration of residence (“Meldezettel”)** from all members in the apartment, for non-EEA citizens proof of this registration during the last 5 years in Austria
- **Proof of your assets** (e.g. savings account, bank account statements, life insurance, stocks etc.), all kinds of certifications of your vehicles, real estates, etc., if applicable
- If applicable, documents of child care (“Kinderbetreuungsgeld”) or/and maternity allowance (“Wochengeld”)
- If applicable, documents of receiving the “bedarfsorientierte Mindestsicherung”
- If applicable, documents of the degree of disability
- If applicable, further documents

### Important

For students, the income of the household includes their own income and the income of their parents, even if the parents do not live with them together. If students earn more than €7.903,80 a year, then the income of their parents will not be taken into account.

### Application

The application has to be delivered (including the required documents) personally, by mail or online at the responsible authority. The permit will be issued for no more than one year.

### Contact point

**Local Styrian Government (“Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung“)**

## Department 11 – “Referat Beihilfen und Sozialservice“

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[www.soziales.steiermark.at/](http://www.soziales.steiermark.at/)

### Further information

<https://bit.ly/2JKQFsv> (German language only)

## STUDY GRANT OF “AK Steiermark”

The Austrian Chamber of Labour (“Arbeiterkammer Steiermark”, aka “AK”) supports their members with low income by means of a study grant in amount of up to €250 per year.

### Entitled persons

- The “AK” supports students, if **at least one of the parents**, who supports the child, is **related to “AK Steiermark”** at the time of the application
- The “AK” supports **students**, who are **related to “AK Steiermark”** at the time of application or if they have been related to “AK Steiermark” immediate before the beginning of their studies
- The “AK” supports the Austrian citizens and equated foreigners as well as stateless persons according to § 4 “StudFG”, if they have entitlement to federal aid for students
- The student must not have the entitlement to the old-age pension
- Only students in Bachelor’s, Master’s or Diploma Programmes can be supported

### Duration of entitlement period

Minimum duration of study time **plus 1 semester of tolerance**

### Other requirements

The income threshold is the same as the one for federal aid for students according to “StudFG”. **If the confirmation of the entitlement to federal aid for students is presented, the entitlement to study grant of “AK” will also be confirmed.** If the entitlement to federal aid for students cannot be presented, then the threshold of income must be checked according to “StudFG” ([www.stipendienrechner.at](http://www.stipendienrechner.at)).

### Required documents

- After the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester transcript of records for **30 ECTS or 14 semester hours** in total
- If applicable, proof of receiving the federal aid for students for the current academic year. If the entitlement for the federal aid does not exist, or the proof cannot be presented before 31 March then:
- Your confirmation of admission (for self-printing via your KUGonline)
- Proof of your income and proof of the income from your parents/spouse or partner

- Proof of receiving the family allowance for all dependent children

### Application deadline

Applications can be delivered to the “AK” from **15 October to 31 March**. The former academic year will not be considered. **First of all students have to apply for the federal aid for students (see above!).** As soon as you have received the confirmation from the Study Grant Authority, you can apply at the “AK”. The application form is available in the “AK” in Graz and any other office of “AK” as well as on the website: [www.akstmk.at](http://www.akstmk.at)

### Contact point

#### AK Steiermark

#### Department BJB – “Bildung, Jugend und Betriebssport“

Hans-Resel-Gasse 8-14, 8020 Graz

E: [bildungsbeihilfen@akstmk.at](mailto:bildungsbeihilfen@akstmk.at)

### Further Information

<https://bit.ly/2P1jFhs> (German language only)

## EXEMPTION FROM FEE OF “GIS”

There is not only an exemption from broadcast fees but also subsidy of telephone charges.

### Entitled persons

Only those who are also entitled to **federal aid for students** according to “StudFG” or to other social security benefits will be exempted.

### Other requirements

- **Legal age**
- The concerned apartment must be **primary residence** of the applicant
- **Income limits**

### Required documents

- **Proof** of receiving the **federal aid for students** (“Studienbeihilfenbescheid”)
- **Registration of residence** (“Meldezettel”) of every member in the apartment
- **Proof of income** from every member in the apartment
- **Rental contract**
- **Your confirmation of admission (for self-printing via your KUGonline)**
- Proof of all financial support from family members and others (also family allowance)

Amount of fee of “GIS”: [www.gis.at/gebuehren/uebersicht/](http://www.gis.at/gebuehren/uebersicht/)



## TOP TICKET FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

All regular students from Austrian universities, who have not completed the 26th year of age, are entitled to apply for a student pass for public transport, the so-called "Top Ticket" for students.

### Further Information

<https://www.holding-graz.at/de/ticket/top-ticket-studierende/> (German language only)

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS (selection)

- **Career Service Centers (CSC)**  
<https://csc-kug.at/studierende/toolbox/stipendien-preise>  
(available for Students and Graduates of KUG only)
- **OeAD Grants database**  
<https://grants.at/en/>
- **Scholarships of "Stadt Graz"**  
[kultur.graz.at/kulturamt/21](http://kultur.graz.at/kulturamt/21) (e.g.: "Begabtenstipendien für Studierende der Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst", "Dr.-Karl-Böhm-Stipendium")
- **Scholarships and awards from ÖIF**  
<https://www.integrationsfonds.at/themen/stipendien-preise>
- **Scholarship programme from "Afro-Asiatischen-Institut"**  
<https://www.aai-graz.at/einrichtung/215/studium/stipendien>

>>> Further information about scholarships of KUG can be found on our website!

**HINT:** If you are a non-Austrian citizen, you have to fulfil some special conditions, in order to be granted equal status with Austrian citizens regarding all kinds of federal aid for students.

**Due to the complexity of the legal parameters it is mandatory that non-Austrian citizens contact the responsible authority for further information!**

**ATTENTION:** This information sheet serves as an orientation and does not claim to be complete. For the latest information, please contact the responsible authorities.

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