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Guidelines of the ÖH Social Fund

General Guidelines

The Social Fund, awarded by the ÖH Kunstuniversität Linz, serves to provide direct, one-time support to students in precarious living situations. The prerequisite for the grant is that the student is a member of the Austrian Students' Union, is pursuing a regular or associate degree program at the University of Linz, is in a precarious situation within the meaning of these guidelines, and is not receiving sufficient support from any other source. There is no legal claim to the granting of the social fund! Submission is possible from the 2nd semester onwards. The deadline for submission will be published on the ÖH-Infoliste email distribution list and on notices at all study locations.

Precarious Living Situation

1. A precarious situation in the sense of these guidelines exists when the life-sustaining monthly expenses exceed the monthly income, with the exception of those persons who must have a certain amount of money in their bank account for vital expenses (e.g. residence permit, security deposit).
2. In order to support students who are socially needy within the meaning of these guidelines in order to receive psychotherapeutic treatment, the ÖH Kunstuni Linz can grant financial support in accordance with the guidelines and depending on the available funds. The support requires that the studies can temporarily not be continued or can only be continued in a severely impaired manner due to a severe mental impairment. This has to be proven by a confirmation of a psychotherapist, a doctor or a physician.
3. For students who are at least 50% disabled and for whom participation in courses is associated with considerable additional financial expenditure, the Austrian National Union of Students may grant financial support in accordance with the guidelines and depending on the available funds.
4. In order to support students who unexpectedly incur one-time expenses for the care of a child or other mandatory additional financial burdens (e.g. medical expenses, therapy costs, children's furniture, etc.) with the exception of childcare costs, the ÖH of the Kunstuni Linz may grant subsidies in accordance with the guidelines and depending on the available funds.

For the purposes of these guidelines, income is defined as all money that regularly flows into the applicant's account (e.g. income from employment, fees, study grants and other scholarships, unemployment benefits, family allowances, housing allowances, pensions, child benefits and additional support, etc.).

The following amounts may be deducted for monthly expenses:

1. Rent or, in the case of shared apartments or other separate households, only the rent portion (incl. utilities, electricity and heating costs).
2. Health insurance
3. Other insurances
4. telephone, internet, radio and television fees
5. study-related expenses
6. Living expenses (food, clothing, medication, etc.)
7. Travel costs to and from the place of study
8. Child care

In individual cases, necessary one-time expenses may also be recognized if these expenses are absolutely necessary and are proven by appropriate receipts (e.g. visa, funeral, security deposit).

Application

All necessary documents must be completed and uploaded together with the application form at <https://calls.kunstuni-linz.at/calls/>. For the submission platform a one-time registration with the e-mail address of the University of Art and Design Linz is necessary. The application for a grant from the ÖH Kunstuni Linz social fund must be filled out completely and truthfully for further processing. However, you will be contacted by e-mail to provide any missing documents. If you do not respond to the request within two weeks, your application will be automatically rejected. *If you knowingly provide false information, the ÖH of the Kunstuni Linz reserves the right to reclaim the money through legal action.*

The application, which must contain the name, address, and matriculation number of the student, must be accompanied by the following (copies only)

1. student ID
2. current study sheet
3. curriculum vitae in table form
4. written justification of the application as Word or PDF (German or English)
5. notification of student aid
6. all income and its supporting documents as described above
7. proof of rental costs
8. Copy of the bank card (both sides) including IBAN and BIC
9. Bank statements of all domestic and foreign accounts for the last 3 months

Existing documentation, if applicable:

1. Culture pass
2. Disability pass
3. Victim identification card

4. Registration certificate of child/ren
5. Other reasons for financial burden (alimony agreements, maintenance, medical certificates, etc.)
6. Receipts for one-time necessary expenses

Procedure

The decision about an application will be confirmed in agreement between the officers and clerks of the Department for Social Affairs & International Affairs, the chair team of the ÖH Kunstuni Linz, the ÖH Office and the officers and clerks of the Department for Economic Affairs and communicated to the applicant in the form of a written notification. The applicant may not participate in this decision-making process.

The amount of support depends on the budget resources available for this purpose.

Amount of Support

The maximum amount is 400€. The payment of the social fund will be made to the specified personal account of the*applicant.

Further Funding Possibilities

1. Social fund of the ÖH Bundesvertretung
2. Housing fund of the ÖH Bundesvertretung: to support housing costs
3. Childcare fund of the ÖH Bundesvertretung: Students and parents can receive subsidies for childcare costs (babysitter, childminder, crèche, kindergarten, after-school care ...).
4. Mediation fund of the ÖH Bundesvertretung: to support students who, despite having a legal right to maintenance from their parents, do not receive this to the required extent.
5. Study support of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture: in the case of social hardship under the condition of a favorable study progress, study-related costs are compensated which cannot be covered by other support measures (such as study grants, aid for studies abroad, performance and support scholarships) and existing maintenance obligations.
6. Performance scholarship of the University of Art and Design Linz
7. Support Scholarship of the University of Art and Design Linz
8. OeAD - Austrian Exchange Service

Details and further information about the listed possibilities and much more can be obtained from your social department at the University of Art Linz, Hauptplatz 8, 4020 Linz during the department's office hours; on the internet and at oeh-ufg.at/sozialreferat.

All data and information will always be treated confidentially and will never be passed on to third parties!