Eligibility criteria and information concerning the selection panel

The eligibility criteria of HNEE-Deutschlandstipendium scholarship programme are defined by the law of the National Scholarship Programme (StipG) in § 3. Scholarships are generally awarded on a merit basis. This includes previous school or academic achievements as well as any voluntary work or further qualifications. In addition, personal background and special social or family circumstances are also taken into account in the selection process.

University and school performance

| Students | Bachelor's students: Grade in the school leaving certificate  
| Students | Master's students: grade achieved in the first undergraduate degree  
| for the start of funding in the  
| 1st or 2nd semester | Study performance of usually at least 20 ECTS points per semester and a minimum average of 2.3  
| Students | Please note that achievements of the winter semester 2022/23 are not recognised!  
| for the start of funding from  
| 3rd semester |

Certificates of academic performance with a grade point average between 1.0 and 2.3 are currently graded on a seven-point scale.

In the overall consideration of the applicant's potential, the following will also be taken into account and only if corresponding evidence is provided:

- Completed vocational training in combination with subsequent work experience of at least 6 months
- Work experience of at least 12 months
- Internships and volunteering of at least 6 months
- Voluntary work in the past 5 years, depending on duration and scope
- Committee activities at the HNEE
- Awards and prizes in the past 5 years
- Special personal or family circumstances
  - Necessity of working while studying
  - Illnesses / disabilities
  - Taking care of own children (especially single parents)
  - Care of relatives in need of care
  - Migration background, international student
  - Coming from a non-academic household
  - Refugee status
If special personal or family circumstances cannot be proven, a comprehensible explanation can be submitted.

Letters of recommendation from HNEE lecturers, foreign language certificates that were a prerequisite for admission to the study programme and certificates of further education that are part of the training or study programme are not recognised.

Applicants who do not meet the grade limits and minimum number of ECTS points specified in the performance criteria but do fulfil other criteria mentioned above may be considered by the scholarship selection committee in exceptional cases with special justification.

**Selection procedure**

The selection of the scholarships is made by the selection committee, which is constituted in accordance with § 5 (2) of the "Statutes for the Award of Scholarships within the framework of the Deutschlandstipendium to Students of the Eberswalde University of Applied Sciences", taking into account the academic achievements as well as the other selection criteria mentioned (§ 3 StipG).

The selection decision is based on a prior evaluation of the above-mentioned criteria according to an evaluation system of the HNE Eberswalde. Each faculty has a certain number of scholarships at its disposal, which is determined by the number of graduates in the previous calendar year. The scholarships available to the faculty are distributed within the Bachelor's, Master's and further education programmes. Applicants who study under special personal or family circumstances are considered in a separate quota.

Scholarship donors can have an advisory function, but are not involved in the direct selection of scholarship recipients.

Scholarships are generally granted for two semesters, unless the end of the standard period of study has been reached earlier. The maximum funding period is limited to the standard period of study of the respective study programme.

The scholarship recipients will be informed by e-mail about the decision of the selection committee. Rejections are sent in writing and are not justified.

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