

# Criteria for the award of the HNEE-Deutschlandstipendium Scholarship

The eligibility criteria of HNEE-Deutschlandstipendium scholarship programme are defined by the law of the National Scholarship Programme (StipG) in § 3.

**70% of the scholarships awarded by HNEE are awarded according to a weighting of the criteria**

- + 'school or academic performance' and
- + 'other performance criteria'.

**30% of the scholarships awarded by HNEE are awarded according to a weighting of the criteria**

- + 'school or academic performance' and
- + 'special personal or family circumstances'.

<b>School and academic achievements</b>	
Certificates of achievement with a grade point average between 1.0 and 2.4 are graded on a six-point scale (max. 6 points)	
<b>Students</b> for the start of funding in the 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	<u>Bachelor's degree</u> : the grade of the school leaving examination (A-Level, Abitur, e.g.) or, in the case of those with vocational qualifications, grade of the relevant vocational training or, in the case of a second Bachelor's programme, final grade of the first Bachelor's programme.  <u>Master's programme</u> : final grade of the first Bachelor's programme
<b>Students</b> for the start of funding from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester onwards	Study achievements generally amounting to at least 20 ECTS points per semester with a grade point average of 2.4 or better Please note that achievements of the winter semester 2024/25 will not be recognised.
<b>Further performance criteria</b>	
Only if corresponding evidence is provided (max. 4 points)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Voluntary commitment (no longer than 2 years ago, at least 4 weeks and at least 160 hours per year)</li> <li>▪ Committee activities at HNEE (no longer than 2 years ago, at least 4 weeks and at least 160 hours per year)</li> <li>▪ Previous full-time employment, vocational training (no longer than 5 years ago, at least 1 year)</li> <li>▪ Internships, working students or part-time jobs during your studies, tutorial work (no longer than 5 years in the past, at least 6 months)</li> <li>▪ Voluntary services (no longer than 5 years in the past, at least 6 months)</li> <li>▪ Special achievements, awards and prizes relevant to the field of study (no longer than 5 years in the past)</li> </ul>	
<b>Special personal or family circumstances</b>	
Only with proof of corresponding documents or comprehensible explanation in the application form (max. 4 points)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Diseases/ Disabilities</li> <li>▪ Taking care of own children or relatives in need of care</li> <li>▪ Migration background</li> <li>▪ Non-academic family background</li> </ul>	

If special personal or family circumstances cannot be proven or can only be proven with difficulty, a comprehensible justification can be submitted.

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

The scholarship selection committee in exceptional cases with special justification may consider applicants who do not meet the grade limits and minimum number of ECTS points specified in the performance criteria, but who do fulfil the other above-mentioned criteria.

### **Selection procedure**

The selection committee, which is constituted in accordance with § 5 (2) of the 'Articles of Association for the Award of Scholarships to Students at the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development as Part of the Germany Scholarship', will decide which of the applicants will receive funding.

The selection decision is based on a weighting of the above criteria in accordance with an evaluation system at Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development. The distribution of the scholarships to be awarded per faculty is based on the number of graduates of the previous calendar year in accordance with the statutes of the Eberswalde University Germany Scholarship. In addition, further scholarships can be awarded to certain degree programmes outside of the central scholarship distribution key if these have been acquired locally. Scholarship providers can take on an advisory role, but are not involved in the direct selection of scholarship recipients.

The scholarships are usually granted for two semesters, unless the end of the standard period of study is reached beforehand. The maximum funding period is limited to the standard period of study for the degree programme in question. An extension of the maximum funding period is possible for studies under challenging conditions in accordance with § 7 para. 1 StipG. Applicants who fall under this category need to use the application form provided on the website and upload it together with all required documents to the online application portal by the application deadline.

Each applicant will be informed of the approval or rejection by e-mail via the application portal.

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