

## Information on educational grants for students, apprentices and parents

### **What are educational grants?**

Educational grants are onetime or recurring state benefits for education that do not have to be paid back if education takes a regular course.

### **The concept of financing education**

The law regarding financial contributions to education is based on the premise that the financing of education is essentially the responsibility of parents, students and trainees. Therefore, parents are obliged to pay for the living and educational costs of their children until their education is formally completed. This also applies even after their children have reached the legal age of majority. If the parents' financial resources don't suffice, the canton of Basel-Stadt can provide educational grants.

### **Who are educational grants intended for?**

Students can apply for educational grants after completing compulsory education. As the compulsory education in our canton amounts to nine respectively eleven years, adolescents or parents can apply for educational grants starting from grade 10 or 12. Consequently, entitlement for educational grants commences upon reaching the school level for the following educational institutions: WBS II (Basis, Basis plus, preliminary apprenticeship, A/B), entry into school of economics (Wirtschaftsmittelschule), vocational school with maturity certificate (Fachmaturitätsschule), transitory classes to the Gymnasium, as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Gymnasium. This is equally applicable when starting an apprenticeship. Educational scholarships are also granted for attendance of professional schools (Fachschule) including preparation for professional examination, colleges for higher education (Fachhochschule), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) as well as University.

*If you wish to apply for educational grants starting in August 2018, please submit your application as of now until school summer holidays. You can either request the application form by phone or pick it up at an informational meeting during office hours at the bureau for educational grants.*

### **Who is entitled to educational grants in the canton of Basel-Stadt?**

In the canton of Basel-Stadt generally all students, apprentices and scholars who are absolving their initial education and whose parents live in Basel, Riehen or Betting are entitled to grants.

### **What is the maximum parental income allowed for educational grants?**

When assessing grants for youths absolving their initial education the parents' income is a decisive factor for the calculation. The minimum grant for initial education amounts to CHF 1,200 per year, the maximum amount is CHF 9,000 respectively CHF 5,000 for bridging offers (Brückenangebote, ZBA). The following two examples illustrate the range of possible grants.

**Examples:**

In family **A** only the father is employed. The family has one, two or three children, of which only the oldest has completed compulsory education. Depending on the father's level of income and number of siblings the following apply for the oldest child in 12<sup>th</sup> grade:

<b>Educational grant per year</b>			
Father's annual income (wage statement net)	Student 12 <sup>th</sup> grade (single child)	Student 12 <sup>th</sup> grade (one sibling)	Student 12 <sup>th</sup> grade (two siblings)
CHF 90,000	-	-	CHF 1,200
CHF 75,000	-	CHF 4,200	CHF 5,400
CHF 50,000	CHF 8,600	CHF 9,000 max.	CHF 9,000 max

In family **B** the father works full-time and the mother works part-time 50%. They have three children who have all completed compulsory schooling. X is absolving an apprenticeship as a doctor's assistant, Y is attending the Gymnasium and Z is completing grade 12. Depending on the level of the family income the following grants apply for the three children:

<b>Educational grant per year</b>			
Family's annual income (wage statement net)	X in apprenticeship	Y at Gymnasium	Z in grade 12
CHF 100,000	-	CHF 1,200	CHF 1,200
CHF 75,000	CHF 2,200	CHF 5,500	CHF 5,500
CHF 55,000	CHF 6,000	CHF 9,000 max.	CHF 9,000 max

(Basis: no investment income and family assets don't exceed CHF 165,000)

**How can you reach us?**

For **inquiries by phone** our bureau is at your disposal on **Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays from 13:30 until 16:30. Please call us at +41 61 267 17 47.**

**Consultation hours** without registration are **Mondays and Wednesdays from 13:30 to 16:30.** During Basel school holidays our bureau remains closed.

You find us at **Holbeinstrasse 50** (Tram no. 6, stop Holbeinstrasse)

**Further information** concerning educational grants can be found online: [www.hochschulen.bs.ch/stipendien](http://www.hochschulen.bs.ch/stipendien)