Emergency loans from the Studierendenwerk Bremen

The Studierendenwerk Bremen is offering students in emergency situations temporary support through interest-free loans. There is no legal claim to these loans. The loans are distributed according to available funds.

Application documents for the emergency loan

Which information is required for the informal application?

The informal application needs to include the following information:

1. name
2. date of birth
3. current address
4. training facility (Hochschule, university)
5. signature For this reason and to ensure timely processing please send in your application as a letter.

Who is eligible for receiving financial aid from the loan funds of the Studierendenwerk Bremen?

Students of the following universities are eligible for applying:

- Universität Bremen
- Hochschule Bremen
- Hochschule Bremerhaven
- Hochschule für Künste
- Hochschule für öffentliche Verwaltung
- Jacobs University Bremen
- Apollon Hochschule der Gesundheitswirtschaft GmbH Bremen

Which documents are required for a registration?

It is required to file an informal application as well as supply the filled in and signed documents provided below. Each application is simultaneously an application for BaFöG if an application for BaFöG has not already been filed. Additionally the following documents have to be filed (if they have not already been filed for a current BaFöG application). If an application for BaFöG has already been filed, only the missing or out-of-date documents have to be sent in.

In principle, an informal application is enough to receive a loan.

1. detailed written report of the emergency situation
2. documents and receipts detailing the reason for applying, specifically statements regarding previous education funding. In case the emergency situation is related to a loss of income, documents accounting for the past three months of income are to be provided (e.g. payslip, work contract, banking statements)
3. statement regarding financial situation (estimate of income of next 6 months, savings, financial support from parents or scholarships)
4. current enrolment certificate
5. copy of id/passport
6. issuance of SEPA Direct Debit Mandate
7. naming of so-called 'Adressegarant' (a person which does not share an adress with the applicant and has an adress in germany, needs to supply adress, phone contact and ideally a copy of id/passport)

**What is the amount of financial support and how long will it be paid?**

The aim of these loans is to compensate for an undeserved financial emergency situation. The amount of the loan is dependant on the scope of the financial hardship, but it may not exceed an amount of 550€ per month. It is granted for a maximum duration of three months and can be granted as a one-off payment if an exceptional situation is justified in a written application.

**What is the purpose of the loan?**

The loan is granted specifically to contritute to subsistence as well as expenses related to studying (incl. learning materials and costs of internships). It may not be utilised for repayment of existing liabilities, to support third parties or for any other expenses.

**When does the loan have to be repaid?**

Repayment has to begin latest after 12 months. The monthly installments must be at least 50€. If the applicant receives BaFög the installments can be deducted from the monthly payments.

**Can international students make use of the loan?**

Yes, international students are eligible for the loan if they meet the required conditions.