

Award criteria of the HNEE-Deutschlandstipendium Scholarship

The “statutes governing the awarding of scholarships to HNEE students within the framework of the HNEE-Deutschlandstipendium” of 6 October 2025 stipulate the selection criteria for the awarding of the Deutschlandstipendium in § 2 (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’.

School and academic achievements	
Certificates of achievement with a grade point average between 1.0 and 2.4 are graded on a six-point scale (max. 6 points)	
Students for the start of funding in the 1st or 2nd 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
Students for the start of funding from the 3rd semester onwards	Academic achievements generally amounting to at least 20 ECTS points per semester (dual Bachelor's programme Wood Engineering and the Master's programme Strategic Sustainability Management at least 15 ECTS, Master's programme Education-Sustainability-Transformation at least 18 ECTS) with a grade point average of 2.4 or better Please note that only academic achievements up to and including the summer semester of 2025 will be recognised.
Further performance criteria	
Only if corresponding evidence and a brief explanation in the application form is provided (max. 4 points)	
▪ Voluntary commitment (within the last 2 years, at least 4 weeks and at least 160 hours per year) ▪ Committee activities at HNEE (within the last 2 years, at least 4 weeks and at least 160 hours per year) ▪ Previous full-time employment, vocational training (at least 1 year; up to 3 years of work experience will be considered) ▪ Internships, working students or part-time jobs during your studies, tutorial work (within the last 5 years, at least 6 months) ▪ Voluntary services (within the last 5 years, at least 6 months) ▪ Special achievements, awards and prizes relevant to the field of study (no longer than 5 years in the past)	
Special personal or family circumstances	
Only with proof of corresponding documents or comprehensible explanation in the application form (max. 4 points)	
▪ Diseases/ Disabilities ▪ Taking care of own children or relatives in need of care ▪ Migration background ▪ Non-academic family background	

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 Section 3 (1) of the “statutes governing the awarding of scholarships to HNEE students within the framework of the Deutschlandstipendium” of 6 October 2025, decides on which 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 scholarships to be awarded is based on the HNEE Deutschlandstipendium statutes and is proportional to the number of graduates per school in the previous calendar year. Sponsors can take on an advisory role, but are not involved in the direct selection of scholarship recipients.

Scholarships are usually granted for two semesters, unless the end of the standard period of study is reached beforehand. The scholarship can be extended once a year for a further two semesters up to the maximum funding period, if proof of eligibility is provided on time and funding is still available. Further eligibility is granted if the grade point average has not decreased by more than 0.5 points and an average of at least 20 ECTS credits per semester has been achieved.

The maximum funding period is limited to the standard period of study for the relevant study programme. 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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