

Funding guidelines and application

General

The Stiftung Zukunft bilden supports projects and initiatives in the area of education and upbringing that are in line with the basic concepts of the foundation - a promotion of independent learning, the free development of one's own potential and a mindful upbringing. Support is provided to non-profit organizations. The foundation's board of directors decides which projects will be supported according to the following support guidelines and in accordance with the foundation's statutes (see point 3). The foundation promotes within the scope of its possibilities.

Who and what is supported?

Educational projects (e.g., extracurricular educational programs) and educational institutions that focus on self-determined and self-organized education,

Social, ecological and non-profit projects (e.g. district projects, cultural centers, leisure activities) that enable and support children to develop freely and in a self-determined manner and to participate in society,

ecological, educational and social projects (e.g. independent agriculture and electricity/water supply, school and vocational training, street children projects) in regions and countries affected by poverty, disadvantage and lack of development prospects,

Studies and research projects related to self-determined and self-organized education (e.g. scientific accompanying research of pedagogical institutions, studies in developmental psychology or investigations of pedagogical concepts and methods),

Educational and public relations work to promote and disseminate the concept of self-determined education (e.g. further training of pedagogues and multipliers, information events for parents and interested parties).

Funding priorities

Funding is available for projects, research projects and educational institutions that focus on the self-activity and self-education of children and adolescents and create the conditions for children and adolescents to learn and live in a sustainable and self-determined manner.

Specifically, one or more of the following principles should be fundamentally included in these projects:

- Sustainable, self-determined or self-organized learning
- Principle of democracy and children's rights

- Ethnic and religious diversity
- Equal rights for people of all genders
- Future perspectives in disadvantaged regions
- Ecological future of the earth

Amount of grants

The foundation supports projects with of up to € 5000 per year and for a period of up to three years. Subsequent projects beyond this must be reapplied for and approved accordingly.

Application

We ask for an informal application in which the following points must be described and included:

- Brief description of the project with project plan (objectives, target group, needs, contents, measures, cost, financing and time schedule)
- Brief introduction of the applicant (sponsor, form of organization, area of responsibility, team...)
- Possible cooperation and/or financing partners
- Contact person with contact details
- Amount of the application and bank details
- Confirmation after receipt of the money: donation receipt (see attachment)

For organizations based in Germany:

- Current proof of non-profit status or certificate of exemption.

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For organizations based outside Germany:

- Please contact us to clarify the proof of non-profit status.

Please send the application with attachments by mail to our foundation. The foundation board meets at regular intervals to review and process the applications.

Preliminary application

If you are not sure whether an application fits our purposes and statutory objectives, please send a short preliminary inquiry to our foundation via our contact form.

Public relations

We are pleased if the project or the project sponsor refers to the funding with the logo and lettering of our foundation in its press and public relations work as well as on its own website. On our website, we present funded projects upon consultation and would be pleased to receive a meaningful photo of the project or the project sponsor.