

Funding guidelines and application

General

The Stiftung Zukunft bilden supports projects and initiatives in the field of education that is in line with the basic ideas of the foundation - the promotion of independent learning, the free development of one's own potential and a mindful upbringing. Charitable organizations based in Germany are supported in accordance with §52 sentence 2 no. 1, no. 7, no. 8 and no. 18 AO (see application). The Foundation supports organizations based outside Germany after prior examination by the responsible tax authorities.

Applications can be submitted at any time. The Foundation's Board of Directors makes decisions on 3-4 occasions per year as required. Corresponding processing times are therefore to be expected depending on the date of receipt of the application.

The foundation promotes within the scope of its possibilities.

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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

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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) - up to two A4 pages
- Brief introduction of the applicant (sponsor, form of organization, area of responsibility, team...) - up to one A4 page
- 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 - (we will send a form with the authorization)

For organizations based in Germany:

- Submission of a current exemption certificate from the responsible tax office regarding support in accordance with §52 sentence 2 number 1 (science and research), number 7 (education and training), number 8 (nature, environmental and climate protection) or number 18 (equal rights) of the German Fiscal Code (AO)

For organizations based outside Germany:

- Please contact us to clarify the proof of non-profit status in accordance with the foundation's statutes

Please send the application with attachments by mail to our foundation. The Board of Directors meets 3 to 4 times a year to review and process applications.

Preliminary application

If you are unsure whether an application fits our purposes and statutory objectives, please submit a brief preliminary inquiry to our foundation email address: vorstand@stiftung-zukunft-bilden.org

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. We present funded projects on our website by arrangement and ask for a few informative photos of the project or the project sponsor, which may be published.

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