

Guidelines

Emergency aid for students affected by the war in Ukraine

General Requirements

(1) Prerequisite for the granting of support by the Austrian National Union of Students is that the student is a member of the Austrian National Union of Students (according to §2 (1) and §2 (2) HSG 2014) and is financially affected by the military conflicts between Ukraine and Russia in the sense of these guidelines and is therefore socially needy, for example, there is no access to bank accounts or no support payments that have been made by relatives or agencies.

Employees of the Federal Representation of the Austrian National Union of Students cannot be granted support.

(2) There is no legal claim to the granting of support by the Austrian National Union of Students.

Social need

(1) To determine the social neediness, submitted account statements, own statements and explanations are used. Social need within the meaning of these guidelines exists when monthly expenses exceed monthly income and there are not enough savings to cover the applicant's living expenses in the medium term. This does not apply to savings that have to be used for study-related costs. Social need can also exist if existing savings or income cannot be accessed. Any loss of income or financial losses caused by the war in Ukraine will be taken into account during processing. Potential loss of income due to lack of alimony or scholarship payments, flight of family members, inability to access accounts, loss of value of currency in the country of origin will be taken into account.

(2) Income in the sense of these guidelines is considered to be all money flowing into the applicant's budget, such as e.g.: Income from gainful employment, renting, leasing, assessments, benefits from the unemployment insurance law, maternity leave benefit law, study support law, labor market service law and other laws, pensions, benefits from the federal government, state, municipalities and other organizations, such as:

- a) Subsidies (e.g.: housing subsidy or family allowance for students and their children).
- b) Study grants and other scholarships
- c) Maintenance payments (alimony for students or their child/children) and other
- d) Allowances from parents and other relatives
- e) Childcare allowance

(3) The following expenses are taken into account in the processing:

- a) Actual costs incurred for housing
- b) Expenses necessary for studying, including non-refunded tuition fees
- c) Telephone, internet, radio and television fees and household insurance
- d) Childcare
- e) Maintenance for own children who do not live in the same household
- f) Health insurance
- g) The necessary travel of a student to and from the place of study
- h) Living expenses (food, clothing, medication, leisure, sports, etc.)
- i) Courses related to studies and language courses, even if these have been cancelled in the course of the "Corona crisis" or do not take place in the planned form
- j) Costs incurred in the event of illness or health impairment
- k) Expenses caused by the flight of the applicant, or their caregivers

Any other expenses or extraordinary account movements must be explained in writing in the application.

Application

(1) Applications for support from the Austrian National Union of Students can be submitted by students to the ÖH-Bundesvertretung by post or by e-mail via soforthilfe@oeh.ac.at or can be handed in at the ÖH-Bundesvertretung.

(2) The correctness of the information is declared in lieu of an oath.

(3) The application, which must contain the name, address and matriculation number of the student, shall be accompanied by the following information
student's name and matriculation number, the following must be enclosed:

- A copy of a photo ID, or a student ID with photo.
- A signed privacy policy
- A confirmation of enrollment
- Bank statements for the last three months from all accounts held by the applicant (if these cannot be accessed at the time of application, this must be stated in the application).
- Proof that the applicant has been financially affected by the war. This can be provided, for example, by the following documents:
 - Proof of a Ukrainian or Russian bank account in the possession of the student.
 - Confirmation by an Austrian bank that an account related to the Ukraine war cannot be accessed at present
 - Bank statements showing that support payments were previously made from Ukraine, or from Russia.
 - Letter from parents, acquaintances, or a government agency stating that the student has received maintenance payments.
 - Notification of the granting of a scholarship from a Russian or Ukrainian body.
 - Proof of Erasmus funding for Ukrainian students, which expired in the winter semester 2021/2022.

If the student does not currently have access to the above documents, this must be stated in the justification and declared in the application under oath.

Procedure

(1) The applications will be processed automatically. The applicant's consent to this is a condition for the granting of support.

(2) The decision on an application is made in agreement between the social department, the chairmanship and the economic department and is communicated to the applicant in the form of a written notification and, upon request, also to the respective responsible social officer or the chairmanship of the university.

Amount of support

(1) The amount of support granted during the academic year depends on the budget funds available for this purpose and on the social hardship of the applicant. If the funds allocated for emergency aid for students affected by the war in Ukraine are exhausted, no further payments can be made.



(2) Applicants can be supported only once by the emergency aid for students affected by the war in Ukraine.

(3) The support amounts to a maximum of 1,000 euros per academic year. The amount depends on the degree of social hardship.

Entry into force

(1) These guidelines shall enter into force on 09.03.2022.

(2) These guidelines shall expire on 06.06.2022.