

Guidelines for Your Personal Statement

for applying for a scholarship from the Studienfonds OWL Foundation

Dear applicant,

We'd like to help you create your personal statement for applying for a scholarship from the Studienfonds OWL Foundation by offering you these guidelines. Of course you are responsible for your own layout, formatting, and design, as these are part of the application performance.

Generally, the length of your personal statement shouldn't be longer than a DIN A4 page.

We ask you to consider the following questions, as they should be answered in the personal statement. The order does not have to be maintained, nor should the personal statement be written in question-answer style.

Personal statement for the Deutschlandstipendium

1. Why are you applying for a Deutschlandstipendium from the Studienfonds OWL Foundation?
2. What are your academic goals?
3. What are your career goals?
4. Are you socially involved or do volunteer work? In what way?
5. Had you already been awarded distinctions or prizes in school or in college that are relevant to your course of studies?
6. If relevant: What has your life path looked like so far? Have you been confronted with biographical obstacles you have since overcome?

Personal statement for the SocialScholarship

1. Why are you applying for a Social Scholarship from the Studienfonds OWL Foundation?
2. What are your academic and career goals?
3. To what extent and why are you in need of financial support? Why are you more in need than other students?
4. Are your studies at risk due to your financial situation?
5. How are you currently paying for your personal life and studies?
6. If relevant: What has your life path looked like so far? Have you been confronted with biographical obstacles you have since overcome?
7. Are you going to complete your studies within the standard length of study?

Personal statement for applications to extend a scholarship

1. Why are you applying to extend your current scholarship?
2. What are your academic goals?
3. What are your career goals?
4. Are you socially involved or do volunteer work? In what way? Did you continue these activities while you were receiving the scholarship from Studienfonds OWL?
5. Had you already been awarded distinctions or prizes in school or in college that are relevant to your course of studies?
6. Did you participate in the Studienfonds OWL Foundation's Ideals Cultivation Program?
7. Are you going to complete your studies within the standard length of study?
8. Only for extension applications due to financial need: How are you currently paying for your personal life and studies?