

Benefits for education and participation: Apply now!

Due to the change in the law passed on 1st of January 2011 as well as the new Strong Families Act 2019, benefits for education and participation for children and young people are paid by the Jobcenter in addition to the standard requirements. You must apply to the Jobcenter for these benefits. Without an application the benefits will not be granted!



The same applies to beneficiaries with current benefits according to the 3rd and 4th chapter of SGB XII, as well as recipients of housing allowance or child supplement and beneficiaries with current benefits according to the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act (AsylbLG). However, these must submit the application to the Office for Social Services.

According to §§ 28 to 30 of the Social Code Book II (SGB II) and §§ 34-34b of the Social Code Book XII, needs for education and participation in social and cultural life are taken into account separately for children, adolescents and young adults.

As a result of the 2019 Strong Families Act, separate applications for school trips, student transportation, lunch costs and other participation benefits are no longer necessary.

In the case of benefits according to SGB XII or AsylbLG, the granting of benefits generally only begins from the beginning of the month in which the application is made.

For recipients of housing allowance or child benefit, this benefit becomes valid as of the date of application for housing allowance or child benefit. The benefits can therefore also be paid retroactively. This retroactive effect applies to all applications submitted as of 1st of August 2013.

The so-called needs for education and participation include various benefits. Benefits are provided in the form of vouchers or direct payments to the provider of the service or to the beneficiary.

a) In addition to school trips lasting several days, the actual costs of one-day school and daycare trips are now also covered (§ 28 Abs. 2 SGB II);



b) School Basic Package (§ 28 Abs. 3 SGB II):

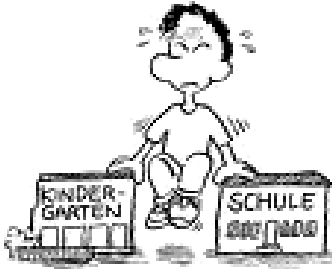
The school basic package is provided to cover personal school needs regularly in two installments on February 1 in the amount of **€52** and on August 1st in the amount of **€104** for the respective school semester.

c) Assumption of school transportation costs (§28 Abs. 4 SGB II): Pupils who attend the nearest school and cannot reach it by bicycle or on foot will receive school transportation costs, provided these are not covered by another agency.

d) Learning support: Starting in August 2019, students who are not at immediate risk of being promoted to a higher grade will also receive learning support. The need for learning support must be proven by a school-based confirmation of the need for extra tuition. Subsidy for lunch at school/daycare center: the previous contribution of the parents for lunch will be discontinued with the Strong Families Act as of August 2019..

f) Social and cultural participation: here you have a monthly budget of **15** euros from 1st of August 2019 (savings are possible) for social/cultural participation for all beneficiaries under 18 years, e.g.

- Membership fees in the areas of sports, games, culture and socializing
- Instruction in artistic subjects
- Guided cultural education activities
- Participation in vacation camps



This list is not exhaustive. Together with your child, choose an activity, a course, a vacation camp or similar, find out about the costs and then submit the confirmation of membership or participation to the office. (A list of providers of further services of the education and participation package, e.g. clubs, can be found on the homepage of the Senator for Social Affairs).

The needs for education and the benefits to be provided for pupils* (i.e. all benefits except the benefits for social and cultural participation set out in in f)) are to be provided only for persons,

- ▶ who have not yet reached the age of 25,
- ▶ are attending a general education or vocational school, and
- ▶ do not receive an education allowance.

Tipp:

In addition to the **benefits for education and participation, expenses** for the **purchase** or **loan** of textbooks or equivalent workbooks, which are necessary due to school-legal regulations or school requirements, can be covered (§ 21 Abs. 6a SGB II)

Please note that a written appeal against a decision of the Job Center must be filed within one month if you do not agree with the decision. Therefore, please come to us immediately after receiving a decision.

We will be happy to support you

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