



# Financing education and training

## There are several ways to pay for education and training

- Support from parents/guardians
- Employer support (e.g. assumption of or contribution to costs which may be linked to additional obligations, reduction of working hours without loss of pay)
- Cantonal subsidies and loans
- Other sources of funding (e.g. foundations, educational institutions)
- Part-time jobs
- Personal savings

In Basel-Stadt, the office responsible for questions in financing education and training is: **Amt für Ausbildungsbeiträge** (cantonal grant office). Scholarships and loans can be applied for by submitting a request: [www.bs.ch/stipendien](http://www.bs.ch/stipendien)

## Scholarships and loans in the canton of Basel-Stadt

Scholarships are one-off or recurring cantonal education grants. Loans are also grants, but they must be repaid within a certain period of time.

## Other sources of funding

- [Basler Stipendienverzeichnis \(Basel scholarship directory\)](http://www.bs.ch/stipendien): overview of major regional foundations and funds: [www.bs.ch/stipendien](http://www.bs.ch/stipendien) → weiterführende Dokumente
- [Caritas Stiftungsverzeichnis \(Caritas foundation directory\)](http://www.verzeichnis.caritas-beider-basel.ch): foundation directory for the Basel region with funds and foundations: [www.verzeichnis.caritas-beider-basel.ch](http://www.verzeichnis.caritas-beider-basel.ch) → Online Stiftungsverzeichnis
- [Eidgenössisches Stiftungsverzeichnis \(Federal Register of Foundations\)](http://www.esa.admin.ch): directory of foundations of the Federal Supervisory Authority for Foundations: [www.esa.admin.ch](http://www.esa.admin.ch) → Dienstleistungen → Stiftungsverzeichnis
- [Federal contributions for preparatory courses for federal examinations](http://www.sbf.admin.ch): reimbursement of 50% of the eligible course fees up to a certain upper limit for Berufsprüfungen BP & Höhere Fachprüfungen HFP (Federal Diploma & Advanced Federal Diploma): [www.sbf.admin.ch](http://www.sbf.admin.ch) → Bildung → Berufs- und Weiterbildung → Höhere Berufsbildung → Bundesbeiträge vorbereitende Kurse
- [SwissFoundations](http://www.swissfoundations.ch): finding the right foundation: [www.swissfoundations.ch](http://www.swissfoundations.ch) → Sektor → die passende Stiftung finden



- EDUCA SWISS: Swiss foundation that promotes education and funding: [www.educaswiss.ch/en](http://www.educaswiss.ch/en)
- Swiss National Science Foundation: support for scientific research: [www.snf.ch/en](http://www.snf.ch/en)
- Swiss Study Foundation: supporting committed and outstanding students: [www.studyfoundation.ch/our-scholarships](http://www.studyfoundation.ch/our-scholarships)
- Cultural funding: public and private institutions that provide financial support for cultural projects or institutions: [www.culturalpromotion.ch/en](http://www.culturalpromotion.ch/en) and [www.interpretenstiftung.ch](http://www.interpretenstiftung.ch)
- Scholarships to study abroad: [www.swissuniversities.ch](http://www.swissuniversities.ch) → Service → Stipendien Ausland
- Training fund for temporary workers: [www.tempservice.ch](http://www.tempservice.ch) → temptraining
- LENA Scholarship: supporting women in precarious situations in their career development: [www.bpw.ch/en/Projekte/LENA\\_Seite](http://www.bpw.ch/en/Projekte/LENA_Seite)
- Arbeitsrappen: institution that supports people with interest-free loans in the start-up financing for self-employment: [www.arbeitsrappen.ch](http://www.arbeitsrappen.ch)

## Budget

Budget planning: in order to plan the financing of education and training, it is helpful to draw up an individual budget. A distinction is made between the costs of education and training and normal living costs. General information on this subject can be found at:

[www.budgetberatung.ch](http://www.budgetberatung.ch)

Budget and debt advice: Information and advice on budgeting and debt: [www.plusminus.ch](http://www.plusminus.ch)

## Social insurance

Regional Employment Centres (RAV): People who are unemployed or at risk of becoming unemployed may be entitled to unemployment insurance benefits. Contact the Regional Employment Centres (RAV): [www.bs.ch/rav](http://www.bs.ch/rav)

Invalidity Insurance (IV): People who have to change their job for health reasons may be entitled to benefits from the Invalidity Insurance (IV). For more information, contact the IV office in Basel-Stadt: [www.ivbs.ch](http://www.ivbs.ch)

**For more information on financing education and training:**

[www.berufsberatung.ch/weiterbildungsfinanzierung](http://www.berufsberatung.ch/weiterbildungsfinanzierung)

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