



What is “grips gewinnt”?

“grips gewinnt” is a school scholarship program for motivated, dedicated students that accompanies them through life and their educational journey. Students in grades 9 and higher in Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony-Anhalt, and Schleswig-Holstein who face social, financial, or cultural hurdles may apply. The support begins on September 1 of each year and ends with the (specialized) “Abitur” qualification.

The “grips gewinnt” scholarship program supports the development and strengthening of personality, providing young people with a successful start to their future.

The scholarship consists of three pillars:

- **Educational program:** The program offers seminars, summer academies, and information and cultural events on topics such as economics, society, international affairs, communication, career choices, and selecting a degree course.
- **Financial support:** Recipients are provided with financial support of around €150 a month. This money is to be used for purchasing educational materials and financing educational expenses such as visits to the museum and language trips.
- **Personal advice:** The “grips gewinnt” office advises young people on issues of education and life and supports them through their personal educational process. Advice can be given by e-mail, phone, and in person during office hours and should provide guidance and suggestions for further development. The “grips gewinnt” office is also happy to provide recipients with connections to institutions and organizations that can offer targeted support for a variety of questions and problems.
- **Network:** Young people gain many new friends through “grips gewinnt” as well as a valuable network of other recipients. Even after the scholarship program, former recipients maintain contact with each other and “grips gewinnt.”

The “grips gewinnt” school scholarship was founded in 2011 through a collaboration between the Robert Bosch Stiftung and Joachim Herz Stiftung foundations. Joachim Herz Stiftung has been organizing “grips gewinnt” alone since 2018.