

Reg. no.900-23
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Regulations for the Granting of Scholarships for Students Required to Pay Tuition Fees at the University of Borås

Background

In accordance with the Ordinance on scholarships for students required to pay tuition fees (2010:718), the University of Borås has the possibility to grant scholarships to promote the recruitment of specially qualified students who are required to pay tuition fees and may inform about the necessary regulations.

The regulations for the granting of scholarships for students required to pay tuition fees at the University of Borås (Reg. no. 129-16) have not been revised since 2016. A proposal for a new decision has been drawn up at the Academic Affairs Office.

The change consists of a certain restructuring of the document as a whole and adaptation of references to the relevant legal text and revised policy documents that apply to the university. Clearer wording regarding the process for existing students applying for scholarships for year two has also been implemented.

The following decision governs the granting of scholarships at the university. Proposals for new regulations have been made in consultation with the Student Union.

Decision

Vice-Chancellor decides

that regulations for the granting of scholarships for students required to pay tuition fees at the University of Borås are established;

that the decision is to apply from 27 November 2023; and
that

that the decision replaces the previous decision with Reg. no. 129-16.

The presenter is Josefina Filipsson, Administrative Officer.

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1 § General

The Swedish Council for Higher Education is responsible for the administration and distribution of funds to universities and colleges, which then distribute scholarships to students required to pay fees.

The purpose of the scholarships is to promote the recruitment of specially qualified students required to pay tuition fees in accordance with Section 1 of the Ordinance (2010:718) on scholarships for students required to pay tuition fees. At the University of Borås, this is limited to students in Master's level (second-cycle) programmes aimed at international students.

Scholarship funds are distributed according to the *Internal Allocation of Funds for Students Required to Pay Tuition Fees at the University of Borås* (Reg. no. 781-23).

Scholarships are awarded on the condition that the recipient is required to pay tuition fees and is awarded as a reduction of tuition fees corresponding to the size of the scholarship according to Chapters 3 and 5 in the Ordinance (2010:718) on scholarships for students required to pay tuition fees.

2 § Application

The scholarship application opens no later than December and closes in connection with the supporting documentation deadline in the national admission round intended for international programmes at the Master's level.

The application is made via the form on the university's website. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the information requested by the university is received by the university within the specified time.

3 § Assessment criteria

The award of scholarships is based on the criteria formulated in the *Grounds for Merit Evaluation of Scholarship Applications* (Reg. no. 902-23).

4 § Amount of the scholarship

The University of Borås awards scholarships of at least 75 percent of the scholarship holder's tuition fee. Newly admitted scholarship holders to two-year programmes are given a conditional increase of an additional 10 percentage points scholarship for year two, see scholarship terms and conditions 6 §.

5 § **Decision on the allocation of funds students required to pay fees**

The university makes decisions at the individual level according to the nomination list drawn up in accordance with *the Procedure for the Granting of Scholarships for Students Required to Pay Tuition Fees at the University of Borås* (Reg no. 901-23).

6 § **Scholarship terms and conditions**

Scholarships are awarded on the condition that:

- The scholarship holder accepts the scholarship within the specified time.
- The scholarship holder confirms the scholarship by paying the remaining tuition fee within the specified time.
- The scholarship holder registers for the educational programme within the specified time.

Terms and conditions for scholarships during the study period:

- The scholarship holder pursues the educational programme for which the scholarship was awarded.
- The scholarship holder pays the remaining tuition fee before the start of each term within the specified time.
- The educational programme must be completed within what corresponds to the normal rate of study. (Two terms for one-year programmes and four terms for two-year programmes.)
- The scholarship holder must promptly notify us of any changes in the fee status, which is a prerequisite for the award of a scholarship.
- Scholarship holders who have been granted funding for a one-year programme but later admitted to a two-year programme lose the right to scholarship funding for the second academic year. In these cases, the scholarship holder may, without a special decision, complete the second term with retained scholarship.
- Scholarship holders who have been granted funding for a two-year programme but have later been admitted to shorter programmes within the same specialisation may complete the second term without a separate decision.
- Scholarship holders who have been granted funding for a two-year programme must have completed a result of 60 credits on the programme on which the decision was based before the third term in order for the conditional increase to occur. The check is carried out on the last day of reporting for the spring term, 30 June. In cases where regular examinations of the spring term's courses fall after this date, a new check is made against reported results no later than 15 August.
- Scholarship holders who have been granted funding for a two-year

programme must have completed at least 52.5 credits in the programme that formed the basis for the decision to award the scholarship before the third term in order for the remaining funds not to be revoked by withdrawal of the decision. The check is carried out on the last day of reporting for the spring term, 30 June. In cases where regular examinations of the spring term's courses fall after this date, a new check is made against reported results no later than 15 August.

7 § Deferment

Deferment of studies in accordance with Chapter 7, Section 33 of the Higher Education Ordinance (1993:718) does not entail any change in the terms of the scholarship decision other than that the start of the scholarship is postponed by a maximum of one academic year.

8 § Approved leave from studies

Approved leave from studies in accordance with Chapter 7, Section 33 of the Higher Education Ordinance (1993:718) does not entail any change to the scholarship decision. The scholarship is considered dormant until the studies resume but may be postponed for a maximum of one academic year.

9 § Readmission

If the scholarship holder does not meet all the conditions in the scholarship decision, the scholarship will be withdrawn for further studies. The exception is those cases where the scholarship holder meets all the conditions except that of conditional raise. Instead, a notification of a non-increase in the scholarship will be sent to the scholarship holder after a check. If the scholarship holder fulfils all the conditions including an increase, a notification of this will be sent to the scholarship holder.

10 § Refunds

Recipients of scholarships may be required to repay in accordance with Section 7 of *the Ordinance (2010:718) on Scholarships for Students Required to pay Tuition Fees* in the following cases:

- The university makes a decision on suspension from studies in accordance with Chapter 10 of the Higher Education Ordinance (1993:718) for more than one month.
- The university finds that the recipient of a scholarship has provided incorrect information that formed the basis for the university's decision.

Decisions on refund obligations are made by the university.

11 § Current students applying for a scholarship for year two

According to the Internal Allocation of Funds for Students Required to Pay Tuition

Fees at the University of Borås (Reg. no. 781-23), the remaining funds after allocation to newly admitted fee-paying students are to be allocated to scholarships for existing students for year two.

If there are remaining funds, existing students in a degree programme at the university can make a scholarship application for year two. The application is made via a form on the university's website during the spring term.

The allocation of scholarships for existing students applying for a scholarship for year two is based on the criteria formulated in the documentation Grounds for Merit Evaluation of Scholarship Applications (Reg. no. 902-23).

Decisions under these regulations cannot be appealed.

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