



## Financial Support by Funding for Single Student Mothers in the Final Stage of their Studies



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### Target Group

Single student mother

- attending a post secondary educational institution, e. g. university, college, trade school
- resides in Bavaria
- has insufficient income
- has exhausted access to further financial aid
- is ready to finish studies and to take final exams
- the child(ren) must already be born

The applicants have to

- provide a complete description of their situation
- provide written confirmation of their academic standing
- provide a plan of the steps being taken to enter the job market

### Financial Support by Funding

- support is for a maximum of two semesters
- decisions are made on a case-by-case basis
- the granted amount is based on the maximum amount allowed by the German Student Support Plan (BAföG)

### Funds

- an application in Bavaria must be submitted to Sozialdienst katholischer Frauen Landesverband Bayern e.V.
- Sozialdienst katholischer Frauen Landesverband Bayern e. V. makes all final decisions regarding funding
- support will be given according to the declared intentions of the donor
- Madame Courage is not legally required to provide assistance

### Further Informations

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### Background

- the Madame Courage project was initiated by SkF Münster in 1998
- the project started in Bavaria at the end of 2011-beginning 2012
- Madame Courage is supported in Bavaria by Roeser-Bley-Donation
- the SkF Landesverband organizes the project in cooperation with Bavarian secondary educational institutions
- 90 single student mothers were supported in the funding period from 2012 to 2019

The SkF tries to meet the growing needs of single student mothers completing their studies by supplementing their available funds with donations from external sources.

### Donation Account

LIGA Bank eG

IBAN: DE58 7509 0300 0002 1375 42  
BIC: GENODEF1M05

## Experiences

*... I have experienced that the needs of parents who are studying represent exceptional circumstances that are not taken into account by the current social system. For single parent students it's even more extreme ...*  
(Verena W.)

*... For me it doesn't only represent financial support. It gives me also the feeling that my performance to take care of my two daughters and simultaneously being able to complete my studies is appreciated and recognized...*  
(Linda W.)



*... The Madame-Courage aid ... created an opportunity for me to receive other state benefits e. g. housing allowance. For me personally this support provided financial and mental basis to complete my studies thus enabling myself and my children a better future!...*  
(Stefanie R.)

## The Project Idea

Parenting should not be a reason not to complete studies.

Madame Courage supports single student mothers in the final stage of their studies.

The German study support BAföG often does not provide sufficient financial assistance.

Frequently this target group also doesn't receive enough financial support from governmental programs. Another aggravating factor is that child support payments from the father are often not made.

Funding is provided to single student mothers who are completing their studies up to a maximum of two semesters. Funds are only provided to those applicants who have exhausted all other financial support resources.

The project was originally funded by the SkF Münster and is currently being financed in Bavaria mainly by the Dr. Harry & Irene Roeser-Bley-Donation and Sternstunden e.V.

Dr. Harry & Irene  
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