CALL FOR APPLICATION: TRAVEL GRANTS IN EUROPE FOR YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN 18 AND 27 YEARS

+++ Applications run until May 30, 2022, 11:59 p.m. CET +++

You would like to get to know Europe and broaden your perspective?

You haven't had so many opportunities to travel through Europe and get to know other places?

You are interested in political and social issues and want to report on them?

You are between 18 and 27 years old and live in one of the EU countries, Turkey or Russia?

Then apply now for one of our travel grants by using this online form!

Frequently asked questions

Why do the Schwarzkopf Foundation and Deutsche Bahn award travel grants to young Europeans?

We are convinced that all young people should have the opportunity to experience Europe[1] – regardless of their social and regional origin, their school background or their financial means.

With the travel grants, our grant holders travel the continent independently and deal with current political and social issues, which they record in the form of video reports. They are the ones who tell Europe boldly and in new ways, making it more inclusive.

Who can apply for the Interrail Global Pass offered by the Schwarzkopf Foundation and Deutsche Bahn?

We explicitly support Europeans who have been able to travel abroad little or not at all. Applications from young people with migration and refugee backgrounds, from rural areas, from vocational schools and with a secondary school diploma are encouraged to apply and will be given special consideration.

The following applies to the scholarships: Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 27 at the time of travel and must be citizens or have their main place of residence in one of the EU countries or in the following countries (according to Interrail policy): Albania, Andorra, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar , Iceland, Isle of

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[1] All members of the Council of Europe

Man, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Russia, Moldova, San Marino, Switzerland, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City or Belarus.

Which countries can I travel to?

Any country participating in the Interrail Global Pass offer. An updated, detailed country overview can be found here. Please make sure that you only include countries in your application where the Interrail Global Pass is valid. Note: The Interrail Global Pass is valid for two journeys in your home country (exceptions: Russia, Republic of Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine, Albania), ideally for the route to the border station and back from the border station.

What do I have to consider regarding Covid-19?

The trip must be carried out in such a way that physical contact with other people is reduced to a minimum and the group of people is kept as constant as possible. Wherever possible, a minimum distance of 1.5 m between two people must be maintained. The following provisions must then be followed. There is an exclusion of:

- sick or symptomatic persons from the start of the trip and

- persons with contact to COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days before the trip and

- persons with non-specific general symptoms and respiratory symptoms of any severity.

If scholarship holders develop symptoms during the trip, the trip must be interrupted immediately and/or in consultation with the health department and doctors.

Are any costs incurred for corona-related expenses covered?

No. The Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe and Deutsche Bahn do not cover any costs beyond the provision of the Interrail pass. Corona-related costs for any costs for self-tests, PCR tests, medical masks and quarantine costs for hotels or similar are not covered.

How can I apply?

The application is filled out using an online form on the Schwarzkopf Foundation's website. All relevant links and information will be published there. The call is open from May 01 to May 30, 2022 (23:59 CET).

How long and how often can I travel?

The Schwarzkopf Foundation, together with Deutsche Bahn, offers travel grants in the form of the Interrail Global Pass for one month.

Your preference must be stated in your application. Travel days are the time spent on the train. You can use a travel day to go from one city to another. The time you spend in the cities is entirely up to you. In any case, the journey must not begin earlier than July 1st, 2022 and be completed by September 30, 2022. The total duration of the trips is between two and four weeks.

Can I travel in my country of residence with the Interrail Global Pass?

The Interrail Global Pass includes two journeys in the country of residence: one journey to a border station and one journey from a border station.

Do I have to indicate the exact start date of my trip?

No. The exact start date of your journey is not required for the Interrail Global Pass to be issued. The start date, i.e. the beginning of the one-month period of validity, is determined by the scholarship holder himself after receipt of the pass. See also question 15.

Can I travel with a friend or in a group?

The trip must be planned and carried out independently. According to the regulations, parents can take up to two children with them free of charge, see regulations here.

Can I use the Interrail Global Pass on existing plans such as conferences etc.?

No. The Interrail Global Pass should only be used for a personal travel project that addresses the personal project question indicated in the application.

Does the Interrail Global Pass cover surcharges and reservation costs?

No. All information on supplements, reservation costs and procedures can be found here.

Do the travel grants include accommodation and subsistence costs?

No. All costs for accommodation and meals are to be paid by the travel grant holders themselves and will not be covered by Deutsche Bahn or the Schwarzkopf Foundation.

What are the conditions to be selected?

The travel grants are intended to give those who have not been able to travel, or have only been able to travel very little, a chance to do so. We would like to know why this trip is important to you, what your background is and what your exact project plans are. We also value existing knowledge of video content creation and political and societal interest. The travel grant holders are selected on the basis of the written online application. If you have previously received a travel grant from the Schwarzkopf Foundation, you cannot reapply.

I was chosen. What do I do now?

After receiving an email confirming your selection, you will also be informed about the award conditions; please carefully read the travel conditions as they are binding for the trip. After signing and sending it back to Anıl Altıntaş (a.altintas@schwarzkopf-stiftung.de) you will receive an order form for the Interrail Global Pass. The Interrail Global Pass is created exclusively as a "mobilePass" (mobile phone ticket - mPass) and you will then receive a code with which the mPass is uploaded in the "Interrail/Eurail Rail Planner" app. The pass is also hosted in this app. More information can be found [here](#) or [here](#).

You can get the code for the pass from Eurail B.V., the service provider of Deutsche Bahn. Paper passports are no longer issued.

What are the post-trip requirements?

Each travel grantee must submit a video report, to which they commit by signing the grant conditions. The video report must be submitted not later than three months after the end of the trip. In the event of non-compliance, the value of the tickets received must be reimbursed. The form of a video report is mandatory.

What happens to my video?

We will upload selected videos to the Schwarzkopf Foundation's social media channels, including our YouTube channel. They can also be used for Deutsche Bahn press work. The travel grant holders agree that their report will be published on the websites of Deutsche Bahn and the Schwarzkopf Foundation, or in printed form, by signing the General Terms and Conditions.

I still have questions. Who can I ask?

Questions before, during and after the trip should be addressed to Anıl Altıntaş (a.altintas@schwarzkopf-stiftung.de)