



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

**+++ Applications run until May 31, 2024, 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 a travel grant from the Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe!**

*\* full list of countries according to Interrail Policy see below*

## **Frequently asked questions**

### **1. 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<sup>1</sup> – 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.

### **2. 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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

### **3. 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.

### **4. 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.

### **5. 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.

### **6. 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 31, 2024 (23:59 CET).

### **7. What kind of Interrail Global Pass is offered?**

The travel grant will be awarded in the form of a digital Interrail Global Pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> class, worth €522, valid for travel within a period of 1 month and valid for 33 European countries including Turkey. For information on the conditions of the digital Interrail Global Pass (mPass), please refer to [www.bahn.de/interrail](http://www.bahn.de/interrail) and [www.interrail.eu](http://www.interrail.eu)



**8. When can I travel with the Interrail Global Pass?**

Travel must begin no earlier than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and must be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The total duration of the trip is a maximum of 1 month. You must at least travel for three weeks. Exceptions for two weeks travel time are possible.

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

No. The Interrail Global Pass includes two journeys in the country of residence: a journey to a border station on the departure and a journey from a border station to the place of residence on the return. It cannot be used for any travel within the country of residence.

**10. Do I have to give the exact start date of my trip?**

No. Travelers determine the start of the 1-month period of validity of the Interrail Global Pass within the travel period (see point 8.) themselves. The last possible starting date is September 1st, 2024.

**11. 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 two children with them free of charge, see regulations [here](#).

**12. 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.

**13. Does the Interrail Global Pass cover surcharges and reservation costs?**

No. All information on supplements, reservation costs and procedures can be found [here](#). Costs for seat and/or night train reservations must be borne by yourself.

**14. 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.

**15. 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.

Travel scholarship holders are exclusively based on the written online application. If you have previously received a travel grant from the Schwarzkopf Foundation, you cannot reapply. This year's theme is: Together in Alliances

#### **16. I was chosen. What do I do now?**

After receiving an email confirming your selection, you will receive the award conditions by carefully reading the travel conditions as they are binding on the trip. After signing and returning to Anil Altıntaş (a.altintas@schwarzkopf-stiftung.de) by June 15, 2024, travelers will be provided with an Interrail Global Pass order form, which the traveler should fill out and send to the International Helpdesk of Deutsche Bahn.

The digital pass is created by Deutsche Bahn's International Helpdesk via the Eurail system and travelers receive an email with a code for uploading the digital Interrail Global Pass in the "Rail Planner" app. Travelers determine the start of the 1-month period of validity of the Interrail Global Pass within the travel period (see point 8.) themselves. The last possible starting date is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Participation in a digital preparatory meeting in mid-June is mandatory for all selected scholarship holders.

#### **17. 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 no later than two 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.

#### **18. 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.

#### **19. I still have questions. Who can I ask?**

If you have any questions before, during or after the trip, please contact Anil Altıntaş (a.altintas@schwarzkopf-stiftung.de). For technical questions about the Interrail Global Pass please contact the International Helpdesk of Deutsche Bahn (sales@dbitalia.it) or the Eurail customer dialogue (eurail.zendesk.com).