

Application for a StAR scholarship

Academic Certificates

Copies of the educational certificates that allow access to the desired degree. A recognized Bachelor's degree or equivalent is required for a Master's degree¹. Detailed information on admission requirements by country of origin is available [here](#).

Language skills

Proof of sufficient language skills in the language of instruction of the planned degree program (e.g. language certificates, if available²).

Motivation Letter

A letter (1-2 pages) explaining the intentions for studying and the candidate's professional future. The letter should outline personal and professional motivations for choosing the studies and the reasons for selecting a Swiss institution. The following points should be addressed:

1. Reasons for studying in Switzerland
2. Relevance of the chosen studies for professional goals
3. Plans after graduation

Risk Situation Letter

A short letter (maximum 5 pages) describing the restriction on the right to education in the country of origin or residence. This should include a description of the restriction/denial of studies and the personal danger situation. The threat situation may result from limited access to education (e.g., restrictions on personal development) or activities, such as advocacy for fundamental and human rights, that lead to retaliation or deterrence strategies. The threat situation can be substantiated with the following documents: written reports/letters describing incidents, social media posts, testimonials, recognition of refugee status in a third country, etc.

¹ If no degree has been obtained yet, applicants are required to submit a list of courses already attended.

² Language requirements vary depending on the university and can be looked up on the university's website. In principle, however, the person should be able to present a B2/C1 level for the language of instruction.

Curriculum Vitae

A chronological CV, detailing educational background (schools/universities attended, degrees obtained) and language skills.

Identity Documents

Copies of valid identity documents, such as relevant passport pages. The documents must be valid for at least 18 months after the intended entry date, ideally three months beyond the expected end of studies.