What you need to know?

The costs for education and participation are always settled directly with the schools, clubs, music schools etc. The only exception here is for school articles. The benefits cannot be transferred directly to the applicant’s (the parent’s) account.

A certificate of enrolment is a mandatory requirement for children aged 15 upwards.

Applications for the education and participation benefits need to be submitted to the council separately for each child.

The application forms are the same for all persons entitled to claim the benefits and are available on the homepage www.kreis-offenbach.de or www.proarbeit-kreis-of.de.

You can also pick up application forms in the town hall and in the Pro Arbeit Servicecenter.

It is important that every applicant states the person (child, teenager, young adult) for whom the benefits are being claimed and also which of the above-mentioned benefits they receive.

The applicant must enclose an up-to-date benefits certificate (Leistungsbescheid) for persons who receive housing or child benefits.

Who is responsible?

If you receive social benefits in line with the SGB XII or have received benefits in line with the Asylum Seekers Law for at least 4 years, the special office for Youth, Family and Social Welfare of the Offenbach district is responsible for you.

Contact
Dienstleistungszentrum - Bürgerbüro
Werner-Hilpert-Straße 1, 63128 Dietzenbach

Opening hours ‘Bürgerservice’
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7.30 am - 5 pm
Wednesday: 1 pm - 5 pm
Friday: 7.30 am - 1:30 pm

Service telephone
Telephone 06074/8180-0
Fax 06074/8180-6666
E-Mail buergerservice@kreis-offenbach.de

All application forms are available in our ‘Bürgerbüro’ and on our homepage www.kreis-offenbach.de.

If you receive benefits in line with the SGB II, or if you receive housing or child benefits, the Pro Arbeit group for the Offenbach district (AöR) in the communal job centre is responsible for you.

Contact
Werner-Hilpert-Straße 1, 63128 Dietzenbach

Opening hours ‘Servicecenter’
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm
Friday: 8 am - 12 pm, Wednesday: closed

Service telephone
Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4 pm
Friday: 9 am - 12 pm
Telephone 06074/8180-1240

You can also always reach us by fax or e-mail:
Fax 06074/8180-8930
E-Mail servicecenter@proarbeit-kreis-of.de

All application forms are available in our ‘Servicecenter’ and on our homepage www.proarbeit-kreis-of.de.

Benefits for Education and Participation
Leistungen für Bildung und Teilhabe

General Information
Allgemeine Information
Starting in 2011, children, teenagers and young adults are entitled to claim benefits for education and participation in social and cultural events if they or their parents receive
- benefits in line with the SGB II or
- benefits in line with the SGB XII or
- benefits in line with the Asylum Seekers Law (for at least 4 years)
or claim
- housing benefits in line with the housing benefits law or
- child benefits in line with the federal child benefits law.

A further prerequisite is that the children attend a general or vocational school (younger than 25 years) and do not receive any apprenticeship pay. The same applies for children that attend a day-care facility.

Applications can now be submitted for the following education and participation benefits:

**School articles** (Schulbedarf)

These include e.g. the school satchel, sports clothing and also writing, mathematics and drawing materials. Schoolchildren will receive this benefit twice during the school year i.e. in August (70 Euros) and in February (30 Euros).

**Joint lunch in the school / day-care facility** (Gemeinschaftliches Mittagessen)

This benefit will be paid if the school or the day-care facility provides a joint lunch and the child participates.

The lunch in the school or the day-care facility is generally more expensive than lunch at home. This benefit aims to compensate the extra costs. The parents contribute 1 Euro to the lunch costs.

**School transportation services** (Schülerbeförderung)

Schoolchildren in the 11th class and higher that attend the nearest secondary school and, because of the distance, use public transport that they have to pay for (e.g. school bus, city train etc.) can submit an application claiming for these costs to be assumed as long as they are not already paid for by another office and the travel expenses cannot be paid for via the normal benefits.

**Participation in social and cultural events** (Teilhabe am sozialen und kulturellen Leben)

A subsidy of 10 Euros is granted to children and teenagers from the age of 0 up to the end of their 18th year.

This includes membership fees
- in the fields of sport, games, culture and social events e.g. in sports clubs,
- instruction in artistic subjects e.g. music lessons
- similar instructed activities e.g. in the museum and
- participation in holiday recreation camps.

**One-day trips or trips lasting several days organised by the school or the day-care facility** (Eintägige und mehrtägige Ausflüge)

This includes the costs for one-day schools trips or trips lasting several days within the scope of the school regulations and the costs for corresponding trips by day-care facilities. This does not include pocket money or the expenses incurred beforehand (e.g. sport shoes, swimming things etc.).

**Additional lessons** (Ergänzende angemessene Lernförderung)

This benefit may be claimed if the child/teenager needs help to reach the standard required for the next school class and this is confirmed by the teacher who believes that an improvement can only be achieved in the short term with additional lessons outside school.