



Dr. Hepner Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been dedicated to the memory of Dr. Steve Hepner by his family and friends in co-operation with the JFKS Berlin Alumni e.V.

Dr. Steve Hepner, also fondly referred to as “Doc”, was a long-time member of the John F. Kennedy School community as a teacher and Assistant American Principal in the high school. He was the kind of teacher and administrator who knew all of the students. Encouraging creativity and supporting students who might have been stifled by a strictly academic focus, Dr. Hepner often assisted students in finding balance on their way towards graduation. He had a particular keen eye for those who fell under the radar, had great potential but often performed below their ability for a variety of reasons. He was often the supporter of the “underdog” and nurtured relationships with these students to enable them to succeed.

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to further post-secondary education and to honor and reward a student, who has successfully graduated from high school against all odds, by overcoming significant obstacles. The scholarship money is to be used to support the recipient’s post-secondary education.

Who can apply?

Students of the John F. Kennedy School of each current graduating year (Abitur or High School Diploma students alike) with a 3.0 minimum GPA, who have overcome severe personal and/or academic problems and successfully graduated from high school.

Amount and duration

The scholarship consists of a onetime payment of
€ 1,000 (one thousand)
which will be awarded at the Graduation Ceremony of each school year.

For further details, please refer to the guidelines for granting the Dr. Hepner Memorial Scholarship.

Application Process and Guidelines

You can obtain this registration form and the complete guidelines *Dr. Hepner Memorial Scholarship Guidelines* by

- dropping an e-mail to alumni@jfksberlin.org using your jfks.me account
- dropping an e-mail to alumni@jfks.net using your private e-mail account
- downloading them from the Alumni website www.jfks.net

Please note that only the German version of the guidelines *Dr. Hepner Memorial Scholarship – Richtlinien zur Stipendiumsvergabe* is legally binding.



Timeline for 2026

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| Your registration for consideration must be submitted to alumni@jfks.net or alumni@jfksberlin.org by | Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – 4 p.m. |
| Your completed supplemental documents of your application must be submitted digitally to Randel Kelly, High School Guidance Counselor , randel.kelly@jfksberlin.org by | Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 4 p.m. |
| Notification of invitation for interview will be given towards | Wednesday, May 20, 2026 |
| Interviews should preferably take place in person, but due to special circumstances may also take place virtually. | Arrangements will be made individually with each candidate. |
| Scholarship recipient will be announced during the Graduation Ceremony on | Friday, June 26, 2026 |

Valid application languages are German and English.

Requirements

Please submit your registration for consideration by

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

by completing the form attached and submitting it via e-mail to alumni@jfks.net

or alumni@jfksberlin.org

Please submit by

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

the following supplemental documents **electronically** to the High School Guidance Counselor, Randel Kelly:

1. At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows you well
2. Your transcript
3. Letter of motivation

Please answer the following questions in your letter of motivation:

- a. Describe a time where you had to make a difficult decision or overcome a significant obstacle. Include in your discussion, how you dealt with this situation, who helped you, the outcome and what you ultimately gained.
- b. Describe and discuss a cause about which you are passionate (this can be personal, local, national or international etc.).

We are looking forward to receiving your application.

Data Privacy Clause

Your privacy is important to us. Please be informed that we use electronic means to process your application per Art. 6 (1)(a) DSGVO. The following data submitted with your application will be treated with utmost care: your personal data from the application form, letter of recommendation(s), transcript, and letter of motivation. Your application will only be distributed among the committee members and seen by the Members of the Board of the JFKS Berlin Alumni e.V. We do not share this information with other third parties without your permission.

We will retain the data you provide with your application until you request its deletion, revoke your consent for its storage, or the purpose for its storage no longer pertains. Any mandatory statutory provisions, especially those regarding mandatory data retention periods, remain unaffected by this provision.

In case you are the recipient of the Dr. Hepner Memorial Scholarship you agree to have the following information published on the public area of the Alumni website www.jfks.net as required per the *Finanzamt für Körperschaften*: your name, class of, degree, and a picture of you.



**I hereby request consideration for the
Dr. Hepner Memorial Scholarship 2026**

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| Name | |
| Address | |
| E-mail | |
| Mobile number | |
| Class of | |
| Attended JFKS from | until |
| My GPA is | |

With my signature, I confirm that I have read and accept the guidelines for the Dr. Hepner Memorial Scholarship. I also consent to the data privacy clause above.

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| Place, Date | Student's signature |
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In case you are underage, please have your legal guardian sign below:

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| Place, Date | Legal guardian's signature |
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