Guidelines for deciding on hardship applications for payment of the semester ticket fee

§ 1 (Principle)
(1) Students of Saarland University may, upon application in text form, receive a refund of their semester ticket fee already paid if they are in an acute financial hardship that makes this appear justified.
(2) A permanently difficult financial situation is not an acute hardship in the sense of paragraph 1. In the case of a monthly income of more than 450 euros, it must be explained why there is an acute emergency nonetheless.
(3) There is no legal entitlement to reimbursement.
(4) Several reimbursements in succession are only possible in exceptional cases. First time applications have priority over repeat applications.

§ 2 (Responsibility)
(1) The decision on applications is made in accordance with § 1 section 1 by the AStA Chair in consultation with the Department for Student Financing. They may appoint a person to perform this task on their behalf.
(2) The decision may be appealed in writing to the AStA within 14 days. The Appeals Committee of the Student Parliament shall decide on the appeal.

§ 3 (Procedure)
An application must be accompanied by:
1. A written statement of the acute financial need.
2. A copy of the current semester ticket.
3. A valid certificate of enrollment.
4. A negative BAföG decision, if possible.
5. Further proof of income (bank statements etc.) for the last 3 months.

§ 4 (Deadline)
Applications must always be submitted to the AStA during the re-registration period, but no later than one week after the end of the re-registration period. In order to meet the deadline, it is sufficient to send the application in time (postmark). The failure to meet the deadline can be disregarded if there are serious reasons for the failure. The decision on this is the responsibility of the AStA chair.
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