

Voluntary Year in Germany

FSJ (Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr) and BFD 27+ (Bundesfreiwilligendienst 27+)



Program

The Voluntary Social Year programs (FSJ, BFD 27+) in Germany are government funded voluntary work programs particularly for young adults.



Timeframe

It can last between 6 and 18 months, usually beginning in September of each year. However, it is possible to start anytime.



Location

We are located in the South German state Baden-Württemberg.



Type of work

You volunteer in social welfare institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, homes/ schools for people with special needs... The volunteers support the staff in their daily work. Usually, volunteers work for 38-40 hours per week, and depending on the institution you might work in shifts and on the weekend.

This is how it works



Please check our website: ich-will-fsj.de/bewirb-dich/aus-dem-ausland. There's a database which lets you filter currently open positions in welfare institutions according to your preferred type of work, timeframe, whether you need accommodation etc. Send your application (letter of motivation, CV, proof of language proficiency) to the contact person of your preferred institution. They'll get in touch with you if they like your application.

Language skills



For living and working in Germany it is highly recommended for you to be able to speak German at least at B1 level.



Trainings

During your social year you'll participate in 5 week-long trainings with other volunteers focussing on topics such as personal development, living in Germany, social issues....



Pocket money

You'll receive 410€ (EU-citizens) or 455€ (non-EU-citizens with visa) pocket money per month when you're being provided with accommodation by the welfare institution.

Get in touch with us!

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