

BayBIDS scholarship holder at "Ivan Vazov Language High School" in Plovdiv, Bulgaria



On the 10th of September 2022, a dream of mine came true, I was accepted into my dream university. I started my studies at Friedrich Alexander University lately the same year. Everything got even better when I understood I will be one of the holders of the BayBIDS scholarship. Since I am not coming from a wealthy background the financial support I receive from BayBIDS is extremely important to me.

One of my duties as a holder of the grant is to present the German educational system and the BayBIDS scholarship in front of my fellow students in the high school I graduated from. The presentation took place in "Ivan Vazov Language High School" on the 3rd of January 2023 in front of 104 students. All of whom are from 10th and 11th grade and study German intensively. Through the feedback, I know that around fifty percent of them are planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in Germany.

It was challenging to catch everybody's attention at the beginning of the presentation, but as I continued passionately explaining the topic, all the students started listening with interest. It was difficult for them to understand everything since they have not yet dived into German culture. I started the presentation by describing how the educational system in Germany works and how much it costs to study there. Then I explained the differences between studying at an Universität and in a Hochschule. I

stated the advantages and disadvantages of both institutions and gave my honest opinion. I inserted hyperlinks leading to websites that help students choose the perfect university to apply to. Everybody was extremely curious about where exactly I study so I explained all the details about applying and starting a bachelor's degree at FAU. All the following slides contained information about the BayBIDS scholarship. I gave details such as who can apply to receive it, how much money the holders receive, and what documents exactly are needed for the application. The entire presentation took approximately forty minutes since the students had multiple questions at the end of it.

Overall the experience was amazing since I had the opportunity to help others who are in the same position that I was in a couple of years ago. Unfortunately, I did not have anybody explaining to me systematically all those details. It was a great pleasure for me to meet all those motivated students who are ready to grab the unique opportunity to follow a degree in Germany.