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Announcement for the award of the Wilhelm-Morgner-scholarship in the year 2026

The “Wilhelm-Morgner-scholarship” was established in honour of the expressionist Wilhelm Morgner from Soest, who fell victim to the war in 1917, aged 26. Morgner is considered an outstanding 20th century artist.

The scholarship intends to support young artists in their individual artistic development. The artists' work to date should demonstrate intensity and seriousness.

The artistic work should appeal to the public of Soest.

The scholarship holder should document the experiences of their stay and present this in Soest at the end of their stay.

Every two years the Kulturparlament Soest e.V. offers the Wilhelm-Morgner-scholarship, in cooperation with a group of citizens from Soest, the city of Soest, the Ingrid-Kipper-Stiftung, the Stadtwerke Soest, the Bürgerstiftung Hellweg-Region and the Volksbank Hellweg e.G. to artists.

The initiators provide a house in the historic old town of Soest which includes an art studio as well as living space. The artists get to work and live in this house free of charge during their stay.



The scholarship holder is normally obligated to a working stay of six months. During the stay the scholarship holder receives a monthly stipend of 1.200,00 €.

Two artists who work together and whose artwork refers to one another can also be granted a stay of six months. They will be granted a total monthly stipend of 1.800,00 €.

Applicants need to be no more than 35 years old or have completed their studies no more than five years ago.

An expert jury of three people will decide whom the scholarship is granted to.

The initiators expect the scholarship holders to use the time of their stay in Soest for their artistic work and to participate in a public exchange about art and culture in Soest. It is therefore desirable that everyday communication in German is possible.

Accompanying and concluding the process, there should be documentation and presentation of the stay in Soest.

It is desired that the artist donates a current work to the art collection of the city of Soest at the end of the work stay in Soest.

The Kulturparlament Soest is your contact if you need advice or support.

Interested artists may send their written application to the following address **by October 18th 2025**:

Kulturparlament Soest
z. Hd. Werner Liedmann
Hugo-Kükelhaus-Weg 12
59494 Soest

The date of the postmark will determine the timeliness of the application.

Applications should demonstrate the artists' artistic position and, if relevant, their approach in addressing current social issues.

The following documents are required to be submitted with the application:

- A CV in tabular form, with particular emphasis on artistic training and activities. Information about previous exhibitions, art prizes, scholarships, etc. as well as reviews or other publications. This point can be replaced by a link to the homepage (CV). (No social media evidence.)
- A short outline of ideas for the planned work during the stay.
- Similarly, at least five meaningful photos/images of work from the last two years with information about techniques, materials and dimensions. The application can be supplemented with a link list with references to your own works.

Solely digital applications will not be considered!!

Once the jury has made their decision (expected date: November 21th, 2025 in Soest), the selected stipend will receive a call from the directorate of the Kulturparlament Soest. Please make sure your phone number is easily visible in your application.

Submitted applications and material will be sent back to the applicant without further prompting, if a sufficiently prepaid envelope with return address has been included.

For further information about the Wilhelm-Morgner-scholarship you can visit: www.wilhelm-morgner-stipendium.de