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The Handschin Foundation is 100 years old. Thanks to this Foundation many young people from the Canton Basel-Landschaft have been receiving scholarships which have made it easier, or even possible, for them to get an education. The founder, the industrialist Heinrich Handschin from Rickenbach, regretted his own lack of formal education throughout his life. Therefore he provided in his last will that “poor, gifted young people from the Canton” were to be helped to complete an education appropriate to their abilities.

In the course of the years ever more recipients received ever smaller amounts. The by-laws which have been in effect since 1993 again assume the original expression of Handschin’s last will, and thus great emphasis is placed on the “talents and diligence” of potential recipients. This allows the Board today to award also more substantial sums.

For the young and financially weak Canton of Basel-Landschaft the Handschin Foundation made it easier to translate its progressive educational policies into reality. It is a satisfying and beautiful task for the Foundation Board to promote education in a purposeful manner and in tandem with Cantonal scholarships.

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