

Procedures to Receive the High School Tuition Support Fund

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The High School Tuition Support Fund (hereinafter “the fund”) is paid by the national government to compensate for the high school tuition of students who meet the criteria given below. Unlike scholarship loans, repayment is unnecessary. Newly enrolled students must apply twice, in April and July respectively. (From the second year, students must apply once a year in July.)

Recipients' criteria

- Municipal income tax paid by the student's guardians is less than 304,200 yen. This is equivalent to an annual income of about 9.1 million yen, but the amount may vary based on factors such as financial dependents.

A student's eligibility is determined based on the previous fiscal year's tax amount for the application in April and the current fiscal year's tax amount for the application in July.

If both parents have incomes, the total municipal income tax applies.

- The period enrolled in high school does not exceed 36 months in total at the time of application; or the period enrolled in part-time and correspondence courses does not exceed 48 months. This applies to national, public and private institutions.
- An application form, tax declaration certificate, etc. are submitted to school by the due date.

Students must pay tuition if they fail to submit an application form by the due date or if their applications do not meet the criteria. In such cases, the annual tuition of 118,800 yen must be paid in four installments. Applications are subject to screening to determine eligibility for the fund. The results of applications in April will be notified in early July from the applicants' schools.

Tax declaration certificate etc., required for the procedure

(1) Tax declaration certificates (課税証明書) are available at the tax certificate counter of municipal offices. Fees are incurred.

- All items including exemptions and deductions from income and deduction for dependents must be included.
- For households that receive public assistance, submit a certificate of public assistance recipient (生活保護受給証明書).
- For both the tax declaration certificate (課税証明書) and the certificate of public assistance recipient (生活保護受給証明書), originals issued within three months from the date of application are required. Photocopies are invalid. Submitted originals will not be returned.

(2) A photocopy of either of the following documents is also acceptable in place of a tax declaration certificate (課税証明書).

- If the guardians are salaried workers who receive only employment income, submit a notification of determination of the special tax levy amount (for taxpayers) (特別徴収税額の決定通知書 [納税義務者用]) that was received from the place of work in around May to June of the previous year.
- If the guardians are self-employed etc., submit a notification of tax (納税通知書) that was received

from the municipal government around May to June of the previous year.

- Either of the above notifications is required as a certificate in place of a tax declaration certificate (かぜいしょうめいしょ 課税証明書). All the items (fiscal year, address, name, details of exemptions and deductions from income and deduction for dependents, issuer's name, and official seal) must be clearly legible.
- A tax declaration certificate (かぜいしょうめいしょ 課税証明書) is required if the tax amount has been changed due to amended return or correction or if there are other sources of income.
- Make a photocopy of either notification above in the notification's original size on a single piece of A3-size paper (instead of using multiple sheets of small-sized paper).
- For a notification of tax (のうぜいつうちしょ 納税通知書) which consists of multiple sheets, make a photocopy of all the pages in their original size.
- A copy of withholding record (げんせんちようしゅうひょう 源泉徴収票) or final return form (かくていしんこくしょ 確定申告書) may not be used as a tax declaration certificate (かぜいしょうめいしょ 課税証明書).

Procedures to Receive the Grants for Supplemental Scholarship

Grants for Supplemental Scholarship (hereinafter "the grant") are available to cover educational expenses other than tuition fees. Students are eligible if all guardians (both parents) are exempt from municipal income tax ("tax-exempt households") or receiving welfare ("welfare households").

Repayment is unnecessary. Applications must be made in the prefecture in which the guardians (parents) reside. The application is required once a year in July.

The annual grant is 32,300 yen for welfare households and 80,800 yen for tax-exempt households.

However, the annual amount is 129,700 yen for tax-exempt households with other dependent(s) (older siblings who are in high school or siblings aged 15 or older and under 23 years of age other than junior high school students). In such cases, additional documents that verify dependent family members are required.

Please note that the grant is different from the fund, and it is mandatory to submit documents to certify that all the guardians (parents) are tax-exempt. The application requires submission of a photocopy of a bankbook to confirm the account to which to transfer the grant.

If you have any questions, contact your school or Osaka Prefectural Board of Education, Facilities and Accounting Division (06-6941-0351).