

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

- The amount obtained by: multiplying the tax base amount for municipal tax imposed on the student's guardian by 0.06, then subtracting the amount of adjusted deduction for the municipal tax (or subtracting the amount of adjusted deduction multiplied by 3/4 if municipal tax is paid to a government ordinance-designated city), 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, a photocopy of Individual Number Card (マイナンバーカード) 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.

Photocopy of Individual Number Card (マイナンバーカード) etc., required for the procedure

- (1) A photocopy of any of the following documents on which Individual Number is written should be submitted.
- Reverse side of Individual Number Card (マイナンバーカード)
 - Residence Certificate (住民票) on which Individual Number is written (issued within three months from the date of application)
- * By submitting a document on which Individual Number is written (for each of the guardians), you do not have to submit a photocopy of Individual Number Card (マイナンバーカード) or other relevant document during the student's enrollment period if there is no change in guardian(s).
- (2) Any of the following income verification documents is acceptable in place of a photocopy of Individual Number Card (マイナンバーカード) etc.
- For households that receive public assistance, submit a certificate of public assistance recipient (生活保護受給証明書).

- The certificate of public assistance recipient (生活保護受給証明書^{せいかつほごじゆきゆうしようめいしょ}) to be submitted should be an original issued within three months from the date of application. A photocopy is not permitted. The submitted original will not be returned.
- * If you applied for the fund by submitting the document shown in (2) above, you are required to submit a document on which Individual Number is written (for all guardians) or an income verification document when applying next time.

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 the total amount of prefectural income tax and municipal income tax to be paid by their guardians (both parents) is 0 yen (“tax-exempt households”) or the households (both parents) are on 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 84,000 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.

In fiscal 2020, tax-exempt households are offered an additional grant in the amount of 10,000 yen to cover communication expenses necessary for students to participate in online classes from home due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To apply for this grant, a written pledge should be submitted to ensure that the grant money is used exclusively for the payment of communication expenses. Pledge forms are available at each school. Note that tax-exempt households that are not required to pay communication expenses and welfare households are not eligible for this additional grant.

In addition to the existing grant program, the following two programs are newly launched in fiscal 2020 in consideration of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

- (1) Advance payment of grant money under the Grants for Supplemental Scholarship program to newly enrolled students: Part of the grant money is paid in advance to the households with newly enrolled students if the households were tax-exempt in fiscal 2019. Applicants for this program should follow separate procedures.
- (2) Financial support to households whose finances have been depleted: Grant money under the Grants for Supplemental Scholarship program is offered to households that are not tax-exempt in fiscal 2020, if the income earned by all the guardians during the current year has fallen to the level of tax-exempt households. This program is intended for households that are not covered by the existing program. To apply for this program, the following four documents should be submitted along with an application form:
 1. Document verifying the reason for the income decrease
 2. Tax declaration certificate of fiscal 2020 verifying the income earned in the previous year

(for all guardians)

3. Document verifying the income decrease (for all guardians)
4. Copies of health insurance cards of all family members or tax declaration certificate in which the number of dependent family members is stated

Households eligible for this program are also eligible for the additional grant to cover communication expenses. Applicants for this program are therefore required to submit a written pledge in addition to the above documents.

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