

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 (taxable income) earned by the student's guardian(s) 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 full-time high school or its equivalent 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 must be paid in four installments. The fund amounts are: 118,800 yen per year per full-time high school student, 32,400 yen per year per part-time high school student, and 330 yen per credit per correspondence high school student. Applications are subject to screening to determine eligibility for the fund. The results of application 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 (*1)
- Individual Number Notification Card (マイナンバー通知カード) (*2)

*1: The Residence Certificate on which the Individual Number is written should be issued within three months prior to the date of application, and show the guardian's Individual Number, name, address and date of birth as well as the date of issuance. The Residence Certificate should also be stamped with the official seal of the municipal government that issued the Certificate.

*2: Though Individual Number Notification Cards were abolished following the enforcement of the Act on Use

of Information and Communications Technology in Administrative Procedure on May 25, 2020, an Individual Number Notification Card is acceptable for the purpose of applying for this fund if either of the following conditions is met:

- There is no change in any of the information given in the applicant's Individual Number Notification Card (name, address, date of birth, gender and Individual Number); or
 - If there is any change in such information, the official procedure necessary to change the information was completed before the enforcement of the above act on May 25, 2020.
- ◎ 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) 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) to be submitted should be an original issued within three month from the date of application. A photocopy is not permitted. The submitted original will not be returned.
- * Applicants who submit a certificate of public assistance recipient (生活保護受給証明書) shown in (2) above to apply for the fund are required to submit a certificate of public assistance recipient (生活保護受給証明書) again when applying next time.
- * Any applicant who cannot submit either (1) or (2) is required to consult with the administration office of his or her school.

Important!

An income tax return must be filed in order to apply for the fund. Without information on household income, the application may not be considered for screening, even if the applicant's Individual Number is known. If this information is not available, there may be a delay in determining the applicant's qualification for the fund. Therefore, the guardian is required to file a tax return without fail.

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.

A welfare household is paid an annual grant of 32,300 yen, while a tax-exempt household is paid an annual grant of 110,100 yen per full-time or part-time high school student, and 48,500 yen per correspondence high school student.

However, the annual grant amount is 141,700 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 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 2020. 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 2021, 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 2021 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

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