

## Procedures to Receive the High School Tuition Support Fund

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The High School Tuition Support Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Tuition Support Fund") is a system in which the government pays the tuition fees on behalf of students who meet certain eligibility requirements. Unlike loan-based scholarships, this support does not require repayment. For new first-year students, applications must be submitted twice—once in April and again in July. (The July application is required every year.)

### Eligibility requirements

- The calculated base amount (standard taxable income  $\times$  6% - resident tax adjustment deduction amount; for designated cities, the adjustment deduction amount is multiplied by 3/4) must be less than 304,200 yen.  
The approximate annual income threshold is 9.1 million yen, but this may vary depending on dependents and other conditions.  
April applications are assessed based on the previous fiscal year's amount, while July applications use the current fiscal year's amount.  
If both parents have income, their combined amount will be used.
- The total period of enrollment in high school must not exceed 36 months.  
For part-time and correspondence courses, the limit is 48 months. This applies to national, public, and private schools alike.

If the application is not submitted by the deadline or if the applicant is not eligible for the grant, tuition fees must be paid. The tuition is payable in 4 installments: 118,800 yen/year for full-time, 32,400 yen/year for part-time, and 330 yen/credit for correspondence courses. The grant requires screening. April application results will be notified through schools in early July (tentative).

### Regarding Application

Please apply by one of the following methods within the deadline:

- ① Online application
- ② Paper application form

Please consult your school office about which method to use for your application.

#### <For online applications>

Log in to the "High School Enrollment Support Grant Online Application System" using the ID and password stated on the login ID notification form distributed by the school office. Please apply according to the on-screen instructions and the operation manual distributed with the login ID notification form.

#### <For paper applications>

Fill in the required information on the application form distributed by the school office and submit it to the school along with a "copy of your My Number card, etc."

"Copy of your My Number card, etc." refers to either of the following documents ① or ②:

- ① A copy of any of the following documents showing your My Number:
  - Back side of My Number card
  - Residence certificate, etc. showing My Number (※1)
  - My Number notification card (※2)

※1 When submitting a residence certificate, etc. showing My Number, it must have been issued within 3 months and must clearly show the My Number, name, address, and date of birth of the guardian, etc., as well as the official seal and date of issuance of the municipality that issued it.

※2 My Number notification cards were abolished by the Digital Procedure Law enacted on May 25, 2020, but can still be used if either of the following conditions is met:

- There have been no changes to the registered information (name, address, date of birth, gender, My Number)

- Procedures to change registered information were completed before the law's enactment (before May 25, 2020)

◎If you submit documents verifying your My Number and there are no changes to the guardian, etc., you may omit submitting additional documents during your enrollment period.

② For households receiving public assistance: Certificate of Public Assistance Recipient

- The Certificate of Public Assistance Recipient must be the original issued within 3 months. Copies will not be accepted. Submitted originals will not be returned.

※If applying using the above ② certificate, you will need to submit a Certificate of Public Assistance Recipient again when applying next time.

※If you cannot submit either document ① or ②, please consult your school office.

**<<Important Notice!>>**

When applying for the Enrollment Support Grant, tax information based on income is required. If tax returns have not been filed, the screening cannot be conducted even if My Number is submitted. This may also cause delays in notification of results, so please be sure to file your tax returns.

## Procedure to Receive a Scholarship Grant

Scholarship Grant (hereinafter referred to as the "Scholarship Grant") is provided to households where the combined amount of "Prefectural Income Tax" and "Municipal Income Tax" for all guardians (both parents) is ¥0 (tax-exempt; hereinafter referred to as "tax-exempt households"), or to households receiving public assistance. It is used to cover educational expenses other than tuition fees and does not require repayment. Applications are processed once a year in July through the prefecture where the guardian resides.

The annual grant amount is ¥32,300 for households receiving public assistance, ¥143,700 for tax-exempt households (full-time/part-time students), and ¥50,500 for tax-exempt households (correspondence courses).

Since the School Support Fund and the Scholarship Grant are separate systems, documents proving that all guardians are tax-exempt are required. Additionally, a copy of a bankbook is needed to verify the account for depositing the Scholarship Grant.

Furthermore, from fiscal year Reiwa 2, two new systems have been established in addition to the standard application:

- ① Early payment for new students: A portion of the Scholarship Grant will be paid in advance to new students from households confirmed as tax-exempt in fiscal year Reiwa 6. Those wishing to apply for this system must complete a separate application procedure in addition to the standard application.
- ② Support for households with sudden financial difficulties: The Scholarship Grant will be paid to households that were not tax-exempt in fiscal year Reiwa 7 but have experienced a drop in income equivalent to a tax-exempt household this year. Only households not eligible for the standard application may apply for this system. Applicants must submit an application form and the following four types of documents:

1. Documents proving the reason for the income drop
2. Documents proving income before the drop: Tax certificates for fiscal year Reiwa 7 (for all guardians)
3. Documents proving income after the drop (for all guardians)
4. Copies of health insurance cards for all household members, or a tax certificate stating the number of dependents

For inquiries, please contact the school or the Osaka Prefectural Education Department, Facility Finance Division (06-6944-6913).