

## Procedures to Receive the High School Tuition Support Fund

英語

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 not necessary. Newly enrolled students must apply twice, in April and July, respectively. (From the second year, students only need to apply once a year in July.)

### Recipients' criteria

- The amount obtained by: multiplying the tax base amount (taxable income) earned by the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) by 6%, then subtracting the amount of adjusted deduction for the municipal tax (or subtracting the amount of adjusted deduction multiplied by 0.75 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 the number of 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.

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 receipt of funds. The results of the screening of applications submitted in April will be sent out by the applicants' schools in early July.

### Application

Application shall be submitted by the due date through either of the following methods:

- (1) Online application
- (2) Paper application

Please consult with the school office regarding which method of application to use.

#### Online Application:

Application shall be made by logging into “the online application system for receiving the High School Tuition Support Fund” (e-Shien) (高等学校等就学支援金オンライン申請システム) with the ID and password shown in the login ID notice distributed by the school office. Please follow the instructions on the screen and the manual distributed by the school along with your ID.

#### Paper Application (applying with a paper application form):

Application shall be made by filling in necessary information on the application form distributed by the school office and submitting it to the school together with your “Photocopy of MyNumber Card, etc.”

“Photocopy of MyNumber Card, etc.” means the following (1) or (2).

(1) A photocopy of any of the following documents on which parents’ or guardians’ MyNumbers are written should be submitted:

- Reverse side of MyNumber Card(s) (マイナンバーカード)
- Residence Certificate (住民票) on which MyNumber is written\*<sup>1</sup>
- MyNumber Notification Card (マイナンバー通知カード)\*<sup>2</sup>

\*1: The Residence Certificate on which the MyNumber is written should be issued within three months prior to the date of application, and show the parent’s or guardian’s MyNumber, 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 MyNumber Notification Cards were abolished following the enforcement of the Act on Use of Information and Communications Technology in Administrative Procedure on May 25, 2020, a MyNumber 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 MyNumber Notification Card (name, address, date of birth, gender and MyNumber); 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 MyNumber is written (for each of the parents or guardians), you do not have to submit a photocopy of MyNumber Card (マイナンバーカード), or other relevant document, again during the student’s enrollment period if there is no change in parent(s) or 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 months 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 even 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 MyNumber is submitted. If this information is not available, there may be a delay in determining the applicant’s qualification for the fund. Therefore, a tax return must be filed, without fail, by each parent or guardian that has income.

## 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 residence tax per-income basis and municipal residence tax per-income basis to be paid by their parents or guardians is 0 yen (“tax-exempt households”) or the households (both parents) are on welfare (“welfare households”). Repayment is not necessary. Applications must be made in the prefecture in which the parents or guardians 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 122,100 yen per full-time or part-time high school student, and 50,500 yen per correspondence high school student.

However, the annual grant amount will be 143,700 yen for full-time or part-time high school students in tax-exempt households *if* they have older siblings who are also in high school, or siblings 15 or older and under 23 years of age but *not* currently in junior high school. In such cases, additional documents that verify dependent family members are required.

Please note that this grant is different from the High School Tuition Support Fund, and it is mandatory to submit documents to certify that all parents or guardians 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 2023. 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 2024, if the income earned by all parents or 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 2024 verifying the income before the decrease (for all parents or guardians)
  3. Document verifying the income after the decrease (for all parents or 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 the Osaka Prefectural Board of Education, Facilities and Accounting Division (06-6944-6913).