

※An application is required separately from the application for payment of school supplies expenses for new enrollees before entering school.※

Important!

A new application is needed every year

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

School expense subsidy system for FY 2024

Tochigi City provides financial assistance to parent(s)/guardian(s) who have difficulty in having their child(ren) attend school for financial reasons. Subsidies are provided to cover some of the cost of school supplies and lunch expenses so that the students can be encouraged to go to school without worrying about financial problems.

1. Eligibility

- Parent(s)/guardian(s) of elementary/junior high school students who live on welfare. Their address must be registered in Tochigi City. (“*You hogosha*”)
- Those households which are living in poverty and are qualified as “in need of public assistance” by the Board of Education (BOE) (“*Junyou hogosha*”)

【Eligibility for “Junyou hogo”】 If either of the following conditions below (① or ②) applies, you are eligible for subsidies.

① **Households which have been given or will be given any of the following benefits from April 1st, 2024. (If those benefits are canceled during the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, the financial aid will also end at the same time.)**

- Suspension/discontinuation of public assistance
- Exemption of residence tax
- Reduction of residence tax
- Reduction of property tax
- Reduction of National Pension Premium payment
- Reduction of National Health Insurance tax
- Receipt of “Jidofuyo teate” (Child-Rearing Allowance)
- Receipt of a loan for livelihood welfare fund*
- Reduction of enterprise tax

*h) Loan for livelihood welfare funds are limited to loans from the Social Welfare Council.

② **If either of the following conditions below (a or b) applies and if the BOE has certified that your child(ren) has/have difficulties in attending school for financial reason, you are eligible for subsidies.**

a) Households in which **the total income of the same household** in the previous year is less than **1.3** times the minimum living expenses calculated by the Board of Education based on the standards set by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare according to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Public Assistance Act.

b) Households whose income is significantly reduced due to illness or disaster, and who are in need of assistance

- After receiving the application form, **we will check the total income of the household during the previous year.** If you have not made a year-end tax adjustment at your workplace, please complete the income declaration at the tax office or the municipal tax section of the city hall.
- If your registered address as of January 1, 2024 is outside of Tochigi City, please acquire your “Income Certificate of 2023” in June from the municipality where your previous address was registered.

※ **The same household refers to all persons who make a living together, regardless of the type of household on the resident registration.**

Criterion relaxed!

※ If there is anyone in your household whose income is unknown, you will not be qualified for subsidies.

Important!

○ **Approximate amount of income to receive assistance**

(The amounts below are just examples. The calculation may differ depending on the ages and residential conditions even if your household composition is the same as the list.)

Number of household members	Adult 1 ES* 1	Adult 1 JHS* 1	Adult 1 ES 1 JHS 1	Adult 2 ES 1	Adult 2 ES 1 JHS 1
Household's total income for the last FY	Approx. 2,260,000 yen	Approx. 2,360,000 yen	Approx. 2,940,000 yen	Approx. 2,770,000 yen	Approx. 3,400,000 yen

*ES: Elementary school student *JHS: Junior high school student

2. How to apply

<Application period> From **Fri. 1st March 2024 to Fri. April 12th 2024**

<Place of submission> **Tochigi City Board of Education, "Kyoiku Somuka" (Education and General Affairs section (4th floor of the City Hall) (Submission by mail is also accepted.)**

☎328-8686 9-25 Yorozu-Cho Tochigi City (Weekdays from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm)

To apply, get an application form either at the Tochigi City Board of Education or at school. Fill in the form and submit it to Kyoiku Somuka (Education and General Affairs section) of the Board of Education. (If you go on public assistance, you do not need to apply.)

- Even if the household was authorized last year, re-application is needed every year.
- A district welfare commissioner may make inquiries after you apply for the subsidy.
- If eligible households submit a form during the above application period, certification will be effective from April 1.

※ Investigation result will be sent through school around July. Payment of subsidies will be made three times (around July, December, and March) through school.

- For applications completed after the above application period, the deadline is the end of every month. (When that day is Saturday, Sunday or National holiday, the deadline will be the next operation day) The certification date will be the 1st of the following month.

※ It will take about 2 months to investigate your qualification and make grant decision.

3. Details of grants

Items	Eligibility for grants *1: Qualified as "Junyohogo", those who are living in poverty *2: "Yohogo", those who live on welfare	Amount of grants	
		Elementary school	Junior high school
School supplies expenses *1	All grade students	11,630 yen/year	22,730 yen/year
School commuting expenses *1	Commuter pass charges for students if using bus(es) is the most economical way for transportation Elementary school students: Commuting distance to school is 4km or more Junior high school students: Commuting distance to school is 6km or more. (Excluding those from outside of school district / those who changed designated schools.)		

School-commuting supplies expenses *1	Elementary school: From 2nd grade to 6th grade students Junior high school: From 2nd grade to 3rd grade students (1st grade students who have not received school supplies expenses)	2,270 yen/year	
Expenses for out-of-school without overnight stays *1	All grade students	Subsidized amount (Up to 1,600 yen)	Subsidized amount (Up to 2,310 yen)
Expenses for out-of-school with overnight stays *1	All grade students	Subsidized amount (Up to 3,690 yen)	Subsidized amount (Up to 6,210yen)
School trip expenses *1 *2	Elementary school: 6th grade students Junior high school: 3rd grade students	Subsidized amount (Up to 22,690 yen)	Subsidized amount (Up to 60,910 yen)
Sports gear expenses *1	In circumstances where you need to purchase sports gear (either Judo wear or Kendo equipment) which each student is supposed to prepare by him/herself for PE class in junior high school. (Only once during junior high school)		Sports gear / purchasing expenses
School supplies expenses for new enrollees *1	1st grade students who are qualified in April	54,060 yen	63,000 yen
Online learning communication expenses	1 person per household	14,000 yen / year	
Graduation Album expenses *1	Elementary school: 6th grade Junior high school: 3rd grade	Subsidized amount (Up to 11,000 yen)	Subsidized amount (Up to 8,800 yen)
School lunch expenses *1	Grade 1 to 5 in elementary school Grade 1 and 2 in JHS (Excluding those who have skipped school lunch for long term) No lunch expenses for 6 th graders in ES and 3 rd graders in JHS	Full amount (4,300 yen / month)	Full amount (5,100 yen / month)
Medical expenses (Medical tickets) *1 *2	All grade students (Limited to specific diseases (specified in Article 8 of the Order for Enforcement of School Health and Safety Act) for which medical treatment recommendations have been given at school medical examinations)	“Yohogo” *2 = Full amount “Junyohogo” *1 = Amount borne by parent(s)/guardian(s)	

- Your grant amount can change depending on the trends and situations in the country.
- Grant amount for those qualified in the middle of school year
School supplies expenses and School-commuting supplies expenses will be calculated as below
Annual amount ÷ 12month× Number of months qualified
Subsidies for other expenses listed above are limited to those that have been implemented, participated or purchased after the certification date.

[Inquiry] Kyoiku Somuka (Education and General Affairs section)

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