

This application must be submitted separately from the application for the pre-enrollment grant for school supply expenses for new students.

A new application is needed every year

Important!

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

School expense subsidy system for the 2026 School Year

Tochigi City offers financial assistance to parents or guardians who face difficulties in sending their children to elementary or junior high school due to economic reasons. The program provides subsidies for school supplies, school lunch fees, and other related expenses to help ensure that students can attend school with peace of mind.

1. Eligibility

- Households residing in Tochigi City with children attending elementary or junior high school, and currently receiving public assistance ("You-hogosha, or persons in need of support).
- Households recognized by the Board of Education as being in financial hardship equivalent to those receiving public assistance, and in need of support for school attendance ("Junyou-hogosha", or persons in financial hardship but not receiving public assistance).

【Eligibility for “Junyou hogo” Households】 Households that meet either of the following conditions (① or ②) are eligible for subsidies:

- ① **Households that are expected to receive, or are currently receiving, any of the benefits listed below from April 1, 2026. (Note: If the benefit ends between April 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027, eligibility for financial aid will also end at that time.)**
- a) Suspension or termination of public assistance under the Public Assistance Act
 - b) Exemption from municipal resident tax
 - c) Reduction of municipal resident tax
 - d) Reduction of fixed asset tax
 - e) Reduction or exemption of National Pension insurance premiums
 - f) Reduction or exemption of National Health Insurance tax
 - g) Receipt of “Jidofuyo teate” (Child-Rearing Allowance)
 - h) Loan of Welfare Funds for Daily Living *
 - i) Reduction of Individual Enterprise Tax

*Loans for livelihood welfare funds (item h) are limited to those provided by the Social Welfare Council.

- ② **Households whose total income for all members 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, Labour and Welfare under Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Public Assistance Act.**

- After your application is received, **the total household income for the previous year will be reviewed.** If you did not complete a year-end tax adjustment at your workplace, please declare your income at the tax office or the municipal tax division of city hall.
- If your registered address as of January 1, 2026 was outside Tochigi City, please obtain and submit your “Income Certificate for January–December 2025” from the municipal office of your previous address as soon as possible in June.
- ※ **“Same household” refers to all individuals who share the same livelihood, regardless of how they are listed in the resident registration.**
- ※ **If even one member of the household has unreported or unknown income, the application cannot be processed.**

○ Approximate Income Criteria for Eligibility

(These figures are for reference only. Actual calculations may vary depending on factors such as the age of household members and housing conditions, even for households with the same composition.)

Household Composition	Adult 1 ES* 1	Adult 1 JHS* 1	Adult 1 ES 1 JHS 1	Adult 2 ES 1	Adult 2 ES 1 JHS 1
Total Household Income for the Previous Fiscal Year	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: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – Friday, April 10, 2026

Submission Location: Tochigi City Board of Education, “Kyoiku Somuka” , or Education and General Affairs section (Submission by mail is also accepted.)

〒328-8686 9-25 Yorozu-Cho Tochigi City

Tochigi City Hall Main Building, 4th floor, 4A-5 (Weekdays from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm)

If you wish to apply for assistance, please obtain an application form from the city hall or your child’s school. Fill out the required information and submit it to the Kyoiku Somuka (Education and General Affairs section) of the Tochigi City Board of Education. (Those currently receiving public assistance do not need to apply.)

- Even if your household was approved in the previous fiscal year, **a new application is required each year.**
- After submitting your application, a district welfare commissioner may visit your home to ask about your living situation.
- Applications submitted during the designated application period will be certified effective from April 1.
 - ※ Notification of the screening results will be sent via your child’s school around July. If approved, subsidies will be distributed through the school in three installments: around July, December, and March.
- For applications submitted after the designated period, the deadline is the last day of each month. (If the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or national holiday, the deadline will be the next business day.) Certification will begin on the first day of the following month.
 - ※ It may take approximately two months from application to the final decision regarding eligibility and subsidy approval.

3. Grant Coverage

Eligible Items	Eligibility for grants *1: Qualified as “Junyohogo”, or those in financial hardship *2: “Yohogo”, or those who live on welfare	Amount of grants	
		Elementary school	Junior high school
School supplies expenses *1	All grade levels	11,630 yen/year	22,730 yen/year
School Commuting Expenses *1	Commuter bus pass fees will be covered for students who use a regular route bus as the most economical means of commuting. • Elementary school students: commuting distance of 4 km or more (one way) • Junior high school students: commuting distance of 6 km or more (one way) <i>Excluding students attending schools outside of their designated district or those who have changed their designated school.</i>		
School-Commuting Supplies Expenses *1	ES: 2nd grade to 6th grade students JH: 2nd grade to 3rd grade students (Including 1st grade students who have not received the new school supplies grant)	2,270 yen/year	

Out-of-school activity expenses (without overnight stays) *1	All grade levels	Subsidized amount (Up to 1,600 yen)	Subsidized amount (Up to 2,310 yen)
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School Trip Expenses *1 *2	ES: 6th grade students JH: 3rd grade students	Subsidized amount (Up to 22,690 yen)	Subsidized amount (Up to 60,910 yen)
Sports Gear Expenses *1	In circumstances where students are required to purchase sports gear (limited to either judo wear or kendo equipment) that each student must individually prepare for physical education classes in junior high school. This allowance is provided only once during the entire period of junior high school.		Sports Gear or Purchasing Expenses
School Supplies Expenses for New Enrollees *1	1st grade students approved in April	57,060 yen	63,000 yen
Online Learning Communication Expenses	One student per household	15,000 yen / year	
Graduation album expenses *1	ES: 6th grade students JH: 3rd grade students	Subsidized amount (Up to 11,000 yen)	Subsidized amount (Up to 10,000 yen)
School Lunch Expenses *1	ES: Grades 1 to 5 (No school lunch expenses for 6th grade students.) JHS: Grades 1 and 2 (No school lunch expenses for 3rd grade students.) <i>(Excluding students not participating in the school lunch program for a long period)</i>	Full amount (4,300 yen / month)	Full amount (5,100 yen / month)
Special Meal Expenses for Food Allergies and Medical Conditions	All grade levels	Allowance granted according to the number of times special meals are brought from home	
Medical Expenses (Medical Voucher) *1 *2	Applicable to all grade levels. Limited to specific diseases, as stipulated in Article 8 of the Order for Enforcement of the School Health and Safety Act, for which medical treatment has been recommended based on school health examinations.	"Yohogo" *2 = Full amount "Junyohogo" *1 = Amount borne by parent(s)/guardian(s)	

- The grant amount may be subject to change depending on national policies and circumstances.
- Grant amount for those newly qualified during the school year:
School supplies and commuting supplies expenses will be calculated as follows:
Annual amount ÷ 12 × number of months qualified
Subsidies for other expenses listed above are limited to items undertaken, participated in or purchased after the certification date.

【Inquiry】 Kyoiku Somuka (Education and General Affairs section)
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