To all guardians who will enroll their children into school in April 2024

# School Expense Allowance Details

Oyama City provides this allowance to support families who experience financial difficulties in paying for expenses associated with their children's school supplies or lunch fees.

# 1. Eligible recipients

Families whom are currently living in Oyama (city), have children who will enter an elementary, junior high school or compulsory education school (ES/JHS/CES) from April 2024, experience living circumstances qualifying for livelihood protection and whose financial situation is considered to be in need of support by the Board of Education (potential recipients).

## (Criteria for recognition of potential recipients)

- OTotal household income for the previous year (2022) was below 1.2 times of the base amount needed for livelihood protection.
  - \*Those receiving livelihood protection will receive a separate allowance, so do not qualify for this allowance.
  - \*\* Household" here means everyone who is dependent upon the income provider(s) whether they are registered as a family member or not.
  - \*The base amount needed for livelihood protection depends on the number and age of family members and whether you pay rent on your residence or not.
  - %Loans (such as mortgages) will not be taken into consideration.
  - \*After application, your household income for the previous year (2022) will be investigated. If you have not done an annual adjustment at your workplace, please declare your income.
  - \*The income of all the members in your household must be declared.

OIndications of eligible incomes for (receiving) the school expense allowance

\*The figure below is an example and is not a realistic income representative.

Household members	1 adult	1 adult	1 adult	2 adults
	1 ES student	1 infant	1 ES student	1 ES student
		1 ES student	1 JHS student	
Household income in	About 2	About 2.55	About 2.87	About 2.98
the previous year	million yen	million yen	million yen	million yen

#### 2. Application

If you would like to apply for the allowance, please fill in the "School Expenses Allowance Application Form" and either post or bring it to the Board of Education office.

\*After your application is received, a local case worker may visit your house to talk with you. (This may not occur for all applicants. If you are chosen, we will let you know in advance.)

\*Please also submit a copy of your bank book page with details of your account name and number together with your application.

«Application submission period/deadline»

[Post application] 7323-8686 Oyama-shi Chuocho 1-1-1 Oyama City Office

General Affairs on Education Division School Support Section

(Same-day postmark "toujitsu keshiin yuukou")

[Direct application] Oyama-shi Chuocho 1-1-1 Oyama City Office 5th floor Kyouikusoumuka

Please come to this address.

Applications will not be accepted after the submission period.

<u>XApplication time: Weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m.</u>

# 3. Allowance amount (annual) Flat rate ¥54,060

The amount specified in your application form will be deposited into the guardian's bank account in late March.

(The date of this transfer will be announced upon approval of application.)

## 4. Application results

Applicants will be informed of their result by post around the middle of March 2024.

Application results cannot be given, even by inquiry, before this date.

#### 5. Important notes

- If you or someone in your household has moved from somewhere outside of Oyama City after Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 then please submit all income certificates from that previous address together with your application.
- Even if one of your children is already receving an allowance for the school they are currently enrolled in, you need to submit a separate application for children first enrolling into school before the application deadline.
- If you move outside of Oyama city, or transfer into a private school after receiving the school expense allowance, you will be required to return it.
- Even if your application is approved, you will need to confirm whether you require the expense allowance or not after enrolling into your school. Please confirm this with your respective school after enrolment. (The confirmation deadline will be announced separately afterwards)
- As pre-enrollment allowance will be based on investigated income for 2022, and post-enrollment allowance will be based on investigated income for 2023, actual amounts given may differ based on investigation results.
- Those receive pre-enrollment allowances cannot receive funds for post-enrollment new school supplies.
- Those who are not eligible for pre-enrolment allowance but are approved for post-enrollment allowance will be given funds for new school supplies (in July, the same amount as pre-enrollment allowance).
- The Board of Education will contact you via the contact details you provided if there are any mistakes in your application form or submitted documents. The school expenses allowance issue date may be delayed if this occurs.
- Applications are unnecessary for 6th grade ES/CES students who receive school expense allowances and will move onto JHS/senior CES.

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