

School Expense Allowance

Oyama City provides a School Expense Allowance Programme to help families with financial difficulties cover part of the cost of school supplies and other school-related expenses for children attending elementary, junior high, or compulsory education schools.

1. Eligibility

Households with a registered address in Oyama City whose children attend elementary, junior high, or compulsory education schools. The households must either be Seikatsu Hogo households receiving public assistance (Seikatsu Hogo) or be recognised by the Board of Education as quasi-Seikatsu Hogo households requiring support due to financial circumstances similar to Seikatsu Hogo households.

[Households eligible as quasi-Seikatsu Hogo households]

Households in which the total income of all household members in the previous year is less than 1.2 times the public assistance standard amount.

- ※ **Same household means all persons who share the same household income and living expenses, regardless of resident registration.** (This includes family members living separately due to job transfers, etc)
- ※ **The public assistance standard amount varies depending on the household composition (number and ages of members, etc.) and housing conditions, such as whether the home is rented.**
- ※ **Loans (such as housing loans) are not taken into consideration.**
- ※ **If a household moves from rented housing to owner-occupied housing (including housing owned by relatives), the eligibility threshold will be lowered, and approval may be withdrawn.** (However, living in owner-occupied housing does not automatically disqualify a household)
- ※ After an application is received, the City will confirm the household's total income for the previous year. **Those who did not complete year-end tax adjustment (Nenmatsu Chosei) at their workplace must file an income declaration.** (An income declaration is required even if the income for the previous year was ¥0)
If the previous year's income cannot be confirmed by Oyama City, an income certificate from the municipality of the previous address (where resident tax was levied) must be obtained and submitted. (Please contact that municipality for details on when and how to obtain the certificate)
- ※ **Applications cannot be approved if any household member's income cannot be confirmed.**

○ **Approximate income guideline for eligibility**

※ The following figures are model cases. Eligibility may vary depending on factors such as household members' ages and housing conditions.

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| Household composition | 1 adult 1 ES student | 1 adult 1 JH student | 1 adult 1 ES student 1 JH student | 2 adults 1 ES student 1 JH student |
| Total household income in the previous year | Approx. ¥2.14 million | Approx. ¥2.21 million | Approx. ¥2.94 million | Approx. ¥2.96 million |

2. Allowance Amounts (Annual) **FY2025 [Reference]** ※ Details may change each year.

| | Seikatsu Hogo households | Quasi-Seikatsu Hogo households | Elementary school / Compulsory education school (lower stage) | Junior high school / Compulsory education school (upper stage) |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| School supplies / commuting supplies | — | ○ | ¥11,630 (Year 1) | ¥22,730 (Year 1 / Year 7) |
| | | | ¥13,900 (Year 2 onwards) | ¥25,000 (Year 2 onwards / Year 8 onwards) |
| School entry preparation costs / new school supplies ※either one | — | ○ | ¥57,060 (new Year 1) | ¥63,000 (new JH Year 1) |
| School trip | ○ | ○ | Actual cost (some expenses excluded, once only) | |
| Off-campus activities (day trips) | — | ○ | Up to ¥1,600 (once only) | Up to ¥2,310 (once only) |
| Off-campus activities (with overnight stay) | — | ○ | Up to ¥3,690 (once only) | Up to ¥6,210 (once only) |
| School lunch | — | ○ | ¥46,200 | ¥50,600 |
| Medical expenses | ○ | ○ | Actual costs (School-related illnesses only) School-related illnesses: dental caries, otitis media, chronic sinusitis, adenoids, athlete's foot, conjunctivitis, mite infestation, impetigo, trachoma, and parasitic diseases | |

※**Payments are made through the school. Please ask the school about the payment methods and schedules.**

※**This allowance does not cover all school expenses.**

※If approved during the school year, the allowance will be provided from the month of approval.

※No allowance will be provided if costs are fully covered by another programme.

3. How to Apply

Submit the completed “Application Form for School Expense Allowance” **to your child’s school.** (Forms are available at schools, at the Board of Education office, or can be downloaded from the Oyama City website).

※**Even if you were approved in the previous year, a new application is required each year.**

※**After an application is submitted, a local welfare commissioner may visit your home to ask about the household’s living situation.** (Not all households will be visited. Those selected will be contacted in advance)

«Application Deadline» Thursday, 30 April 2026

※Applications submitted to the school by the above deadline will be approved from 1 April (or from the date the need for assistance arose, if it occurred after 1 April)

※After the above deadline, applications close on the last day of each month. If approved, assistance will be granted from the first day of that month. (or from the date the need for assistance arose)

※The Board of Education will notify the school of the result in July, and the school will inform the guardian.

4. Other

After approval, if your household situation changes or the financial situation improves and assistance is no longer necessary, please inform your child’s school promptly.

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