

# Elementary and Junior High School Expenses Subsidy

## Board of Education, City of Osaka

The City of Osaka administers a school expenses subsidy system so financial reasons do not impede childhood education. Parents who need assistance are eligible to apply if their child attends a municipal elementary or junior high school.

### 1 Eligibility

Eligible if...	Required documentation
<input type="radio"/> Total household income from the previous year (excludes people born on or after April 2, 2006) Exempt from Municipal Tax in FY2023 or FY2024	<input type="radio"/> Copy of “Notification of decision or change in Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes” (Available through your workplace) <input type="radio"/> “Tax Certificate of Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes” (Available for issuance at municipal tax office or ward office) (*Bring original tax certificate) <u>※ The above documents are not required to be presented if the individual agrees to have their tax information screened. (However, this only applies to those who are exempt from Municipal Tax in FY2024.)</u>
<input type="radio"/> Reduction / Postponement of National Health Insurance Fees	Copy of “Notification of or change in National Health Insurance Fees” (Sent to your home address)
<input type="radio"/> Child-care Allowance Recipient (Special Child Dependent’s Allowance or Child Allowance recipients are not eligible)	Copy of “Child-care Allowance Certificate” (Available at Public Health and Welfare Center in your ward office)
<input type="radio"/> Livelihood Assistance Recipient	Documentation not required
<input type="radio"/> Those who had Livelihood Assistance suspended or terminated during FY2023 or FY2024	Copy of “Suspension (or Termination) Notice of Livelihood Assistance” (Sent to your home address)
<input type="radio"/> Those whose total household income from the previous year (excludes people born on or after April 2, 2006) is under the income standard decided by the Board of Education, according to household size and type of housing (※Refer to next page “4 Income Standard Amount”)	<input type="radio"/> Copy of “Notification of decision or change in Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes” (Available through your workplace) <input type="radio"/> “Tax Certificate of Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes” (Available for issuance at municipal tax office or ward office) <input type="radio"/> Copies of “Notification on Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes and Taxable Amount” and “Taxable Amount Statement Slip” (Sent to your home address) <u>※ The above documents are not required to be presented if the individual agrees to have their tax information screened.</u>

**※To carry out a smoother and more convenient application process, the Board of Education can retrieve the required information from the City of Osaka's Individual Municipal Tax Registry for verification if consent is given from both the applicant and applicant's family members. Please note, this applies to city residents (as of January 1, 2024).**

**However, tax information which can be retrieved will be limited to that of the current fiscal year (FY2024). Moreover, if the applicant is applying because he/she was exempt from Municipal Tax for the previous fiscal year, all household members (those born on or after April 2, 2006; this does not include declared dependents or spouse of the head of the household who is eligible for tax deduction) must submit documentation as proof.**

In the case that no tax declaration has been made, the child's school or Board of Education may contact you separately. Also, since not all the required information can be retrieved for all cases, you may be asked to provide supplementary documentation as proof.

## **2 Subsidies will cover...**

- ◇ Study material expenses ◇ School lunch expenses ◇ Excursions and other special activity expenses
- ◇ School trip expenses ◇ Subsidies for school supplies ◇ Medical expenses
- ◇ National Agency for the Advancement of Sports and Health Mutual Aid Premium (portion covered by parent/guardian)
- Medical fees are covered for the following illnesses found during regular health checks at school. If a visit to a doctor is required, please inform your school prior to examination, as they will issue a ticket for treatment.
  - ※Illness: Tooth decay; chronic sinus infection; otitis media; conjunctivitis; parasitic disease; enlarged adenoids; ringworms; scabies; impetigo; trachoma
- Those receiving the Livelihood Assistance (Education Allowance) are eligible to receive assistance with school trip expenses, and medical expenses, and the National Agency for the Advancement of Sports and Health Mutual Aid Premium (portion covered by parent/guardian).

## **3 How to Apply**

- Please attain an application form from the child's school.
- Fill in all required fields on the application and attach the required documentation as proof of eligibility. Submit a set to each school the child attends.
- Application period is open from March to the end of June. For those who agree to have their tax information retrieved on their behalf, the deadline is May 10, 2024. (Early applications starting from the December prior to school entry can be made only by children entering the first year of elementary schools, or first year of junior high schools.)

Applications can be made during the fiscal year, however, only school events and school materials purchased after the approval, and school lunch expenses for meals consumed after the approval, will be covered. Payments may not be made if no school-related expenses occur after the date of subsidy approval.

## **4 Income Standard Amount**

- Approved if total income of household in 2023 is less than the income standard amount decided by the City of Osaka.

However, the standard for FY2024 has not been fixed yet, and will be announced as soon as it is finalized.
- A maximum deduction of 100,000 yen from income can apply for employment income earners and national pension recipients during calculation for this review process.

**Reference:** Income standard amount for FY2023

Household Size		2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People
Type of Housing	Rent	2.26 mil. yen	2.60 mil. yen	3.18 mil. yen	3.53 mil. yen	3.94 mil. yen	4.65 mil. yen
	Own	1.62 mil. yen	1.95 mil. yen	2.53 mil. yen	2.88 mil. yen	3.29 mil. yen	3.89 mil. yen

※ The income standard for FY2024 will be also posted on the website of the Board of Education (<https://www.city.osaka.lg.jp/kyoiku/page/0000495254.html>) after April 1, 2024.

- ◆ Please consult the child's school for further details.