

Elementary and Junior High School Expenses Subsidy

Board of Education, City of Osaka

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

1 Eligibility

Eligible if...	Required documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exempt from Citizen's Tax in FY2020 or FY2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of "Notification of decision or change in Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes" (Available through your workplace) Original version of "Statement of Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes" (Available from your local City Tax Office or Ward Office) <p><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 Citizen's Tax in FY2021)</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in or postponement of National Health Insurance fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of "Notification of or change in National Health Insurance Fees" (Sent to your home address)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child-care Allowance Recipient (Special Child Dependant's Allowance or Child Allowance recipients are not eligible) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of "Child-care Allowance Certificate" (Available from your Ward Public Health and Welfare Center)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livelihood Assistance Recipient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation not required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who had Livelihood Assistance suspended or terminated during FY2020 or FY2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of "Suspension (or Termination) Notice of Livelihood Assistance" (sent to your home address)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those whose total household income from the previous year (exceptions for people born on or after April 2, 2003) is under the income standard decided by the Board of Education, according to household size and type of housing (※Refer to chart on back) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of "Notification of decision or change in Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes" (Available through your workplace) Original version of "Statement of Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes" (Available from your local City Tax Office or Ward Office) Copies of "Notification of Individual Municipal/Prefectural Taxes and the Tax Amount" and "Taxation Certificate" (Sent to your home address) <p><u>※The above documents are not required to be presented if the individual agrees to have their tax information screened.</u></p>

※ To make an easier and more convenient application process, on behalf of the applicant and with the permission of both the applicant and applicant's family, the Board of Education can retrieve the required information from the City of Osaka's Individual Municipal Tax Registry for verification. This applies to city residents (as of January 1, 2021)
However, tax information which can be retrieved will be limited to that of the current fiscal year (FY2021), and hence if the applicant is applying because he/she was exempt from Citizen's Tax for the previous fiscal year, all household members (those born on or before April 1, 2003; 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, worms, enlarged adenoids, ringworms, scabies, impetigo, and 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, be sure to also stamp/sign the application and attach the required documentation as proof of eligibility. Submit a set to each school the child attends.
- Applications are open between March and the end of June. For those who agree to have their tax information retrieved on their behalf, the deadline is May 14th. Applications can be made during the fiscal year, however, only school events and school materials purchased after the approval will be covered. School lunch expenses will be covered by amount consumed after subsidy approval. For elementary schools, the actual costs will be covered; for junior high schools, half of the actual costs will be covered. If there is no collection of expenses by schools after subsidy approval, payments may not be made.
- ※ **Income Standard: Approved if total income of household in 2020 is less than the income standard decided by the City of Osaka. However, the standard for FY2021 has not been fixed yet, and will be announced as soon as it is finalized. For your reference, the FY2020 standard is shown below:**

Reference: Income standard for FY2020

Household Size		2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People
Type of Housing	Rent	2.19 mil yen	2.63 mil yen	3.22 mil yen	3.58 mil yen	3.98 mil yen	4.71 mil yen
	Own	1.55 mil yen	1.99 mil yen	2.57 mil yen	2.93 mil yen	3.33 mil yen	3.94 mil yen

※ The income standard for FY2021 will be also posted on the website of the Board of Education (<https://www.city.osaka.lg.jp/kyoiku/page/0000495254.html>) after April 1st, 2021.

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