

High School Tuition Support Fund

Important: Be sure to distribute this to parents.

1. Overview of the system

【System overview】

The national government helps defray household tuition costs. About 80% of high school students in Japan benefit.

【Eligibility】

Those who have addresses in Japan and attend high school (including technical colleges called *kosen* as well as vocational schools).

If any of the following apply, however, you are ineligible:

- Your **combined household prefectural and municipal income taxes equal or exceed 507,000 yen** (corresponding roughly to those with an annual income topping 9.1 million yen);
- You have already graduated from or completed high school (excluding schools with less than three years of courses);
- You have spent more than 36 months in high school (different calculating method for part-time and/or correspondence schools).

2. Certifying eligibility

You **must apply** to get this financial aid. Your school will help you when you are first admitted, so be sure to submit the necessary paperwork (including documents related to your 12-digit *My Number*).

Your prefecture will use these documents to vet your eligibility.

Your prefecture will vet your eligibility again each year based on household income data updated every July or so. It will use the *My Number* data submitted when you first applied to make the necessary confirmations, so in principle you don't need to do anything.

※*My Number* data are used for administrative purposes to pay the financial aid, within the range permitted by law.

3. Financial aid amount

The figure for financial aid is as follows:

(1) Students at National or public high schools --

Covers **high school tuition (e.g. 118,800 yen per year at public high schools)**

In effect, the student ends up paying nothing.

(2) Students at private schools --

As in the graph at right, the figure depends on income.

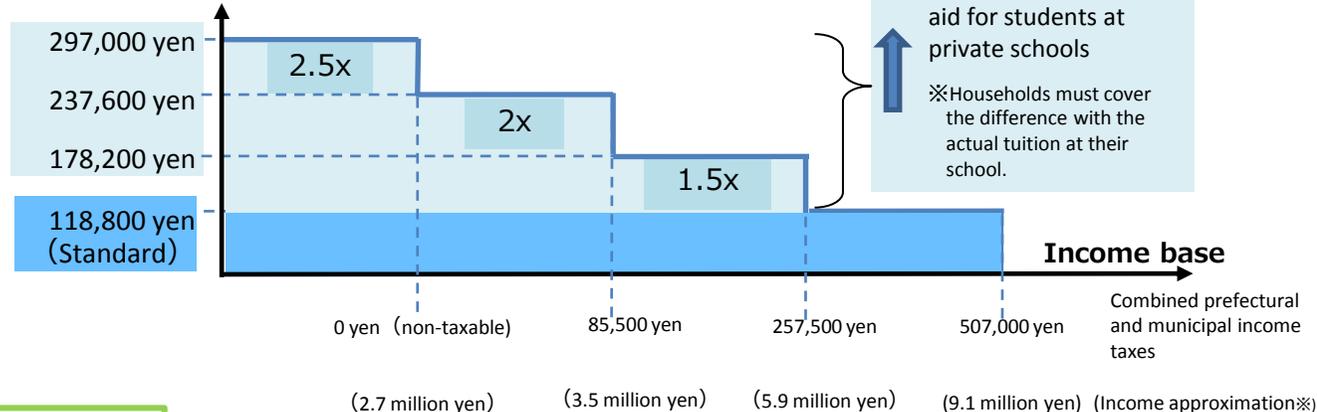
※ Income is determined based on the combined prefectural and municipal income tax.

The *income approximation* in the right graph corresponds to a family of four – two parents, a high schooler, and a middle schooler -- in which one parent works. Note that actual annual income will differ depending on the size of the family, age of family members, and the number of family members working.

Financial aid figure for full-time students

※Different figure for part-time and correspondence students

Financial aid amount



See reverse side for procedural details.

Required of all applicants!

4. Application

Your school will instruct you when you are first admitted so be sure to apply. Do not delay since financial aid will begin the month you apply.

You need the following documents to apply:

【Required documents】

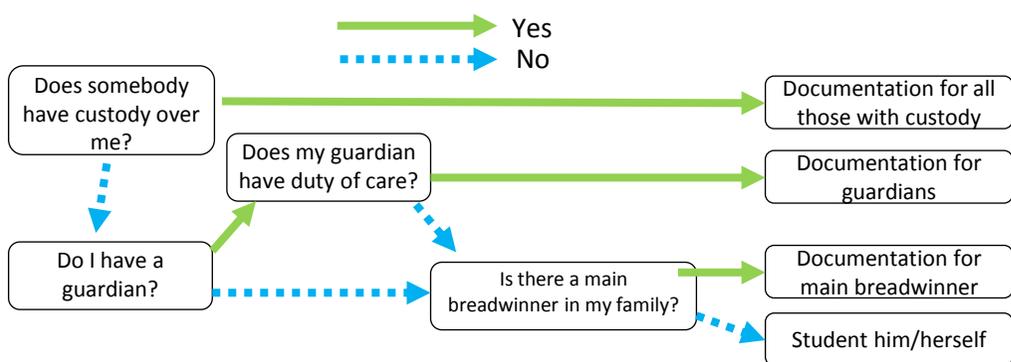
- ① Application form
- ② Documents indicating your parents' *My Number* (such as a copy of their *My Number* cards, a copy of their *My Number* notification cards, or a copy of their residential address registry cards called *juminhyo*)

※ Some prefectures have their own prefecture-specific paperwork, so follow your school instructions on what to submit.

Important:

- You may be held criminally liable if you receive financial aid after having submitted false information.
- In principle, ② requires documentation for all those who have custody over you(e.g. if both parents have custody then documents for both of them). See diagram below for details.

Whose *My Number* documents do I need to submit?



※ Documentation may differ in the following circumstances if submission of a copy of *My Number* is acknowledged to be impossible:

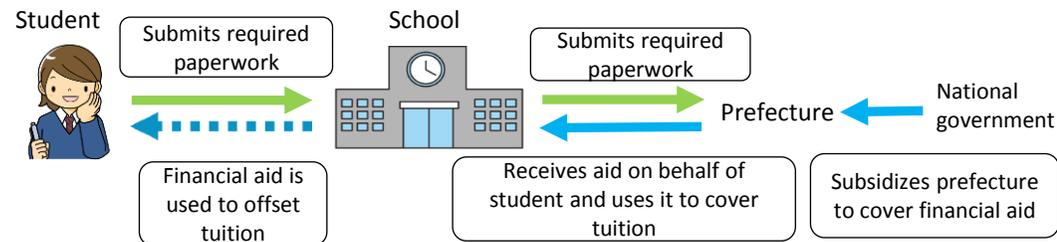
Please talk first with your school if you cannot submit the documents or if there is a possibility you might miss the deadline.

Examples of submission of *My Number* documents being considered impossible:

- When you cannot approach your parents/guardians due to issues such as domestic violence
- You live overseas and are not obliged to pay local resident tax

5. Financial aid payment method

Financial aid is distributed to the school establishing entity (such as prefecture or incorporated school), which receives it on behalf of the student. It goes to tuition. Neither the student nor the parent receives the aid directly. (National or public high school become effectively tuition-free. Students at private schools must pay the difference between the financial aid and the tuition. Ask your school for details.)



6. High School Supplemental Scholarship Fund

In addition to the above, be sure to check for other financial aid programs, such as the High School Supplemental Scholarship Fund, which provides grants to help low-income households cover non-tuition school expenses (such as for textbooks and other materials), and independent aid programs run by prefectures.

※ Parents **must apply to their local prefecture** to receive a grant from the High School Supplemental Scholarship Fund. Contact information for each prefecture is listed on MEXT's website.

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