

Financial Aid System for Students Entering High School

Important Notice
(Pass this on to your
parents/guardians)

1. System Overview

A tuition support system by the government aiming to reduce the burden of education costs to households. This system is used by 80% of students in the country.

【Eligibility】

High school (including technical college) students who have a Japanese address.

Those who fulfill the following are NOT eligible.

- If the parents/guardians' income used in the following formula is **more than 304,200 yen** (A yearly salary of more than about 9,100,000 yen)

【Formula】

Municipal Tax Base × 6% – Municipal Adjusted Tax Deduction

- If the student has graduated or finished high school (except those whose duration of study is less than three years)
- If the student's high school education has surpassed 36 months. (Part time and correspondence students will be calculated separately)

2. Financial Aid Application, Income Report

【Financial Aid Application (New Students)】

- To receive financial aid, an **application is necessary**. Your school will notify you of procedures when you enroll in April. Financial aid begins the month of your application so please make sure you are not late.
- Once review of applications has concluded in your prefecture, you will be notified of results.

【Income Report (Current Students)】

- Every July, a **report of income** updating household income and tax information according to school guidance is required. Without a report, financial aid will not continue after July.
 - ※ If you have used My Number in the past, some procedures will not be necessary. For details, refer to your school's instructions.
- After review by your prefecture, you will be notified of results.

3. Financial Aid Amount

(1) Public School Students

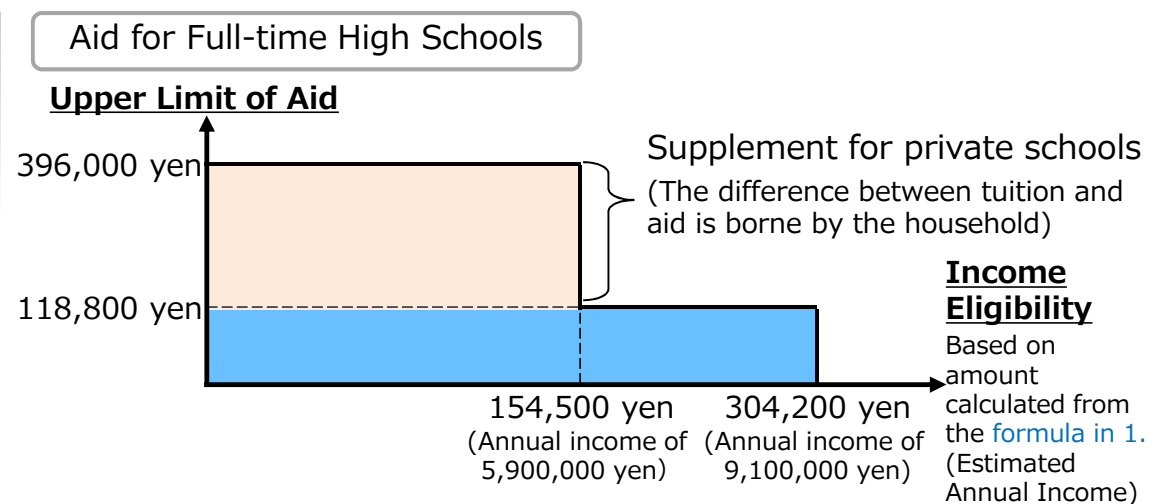
Public High School Tuition Grant (118,800 yen per year)
(National high school tuition fee will become essentially 0 yen)

(2) Private School Students

Financial aid will change in proportion to income (see right graph).

※ Income eligibility is based on the amount calculated from the [formula in 1. System Overview](#)

The estimated annual income shown in the right graph is based on a family of four with one working parent, one child in high school, and one child in middle school. Please note that eligibility may change based on number of family members, ages of children, and number of working family members.



For more detailed procedures, see the back →

4. Application (Income Registration)

Required

Your school will inform you of the application during enrollment so please apply at that time. As a general rule, applications are **online** (computer or smartphone) and the **guardian's income status must be registered** in one of the following ways.

(1) If you have a My Number Card

By reading the guardian's My Number Card, tax information can be obtained from Mynportal.

(2) If you DO NOT have a My Number Card

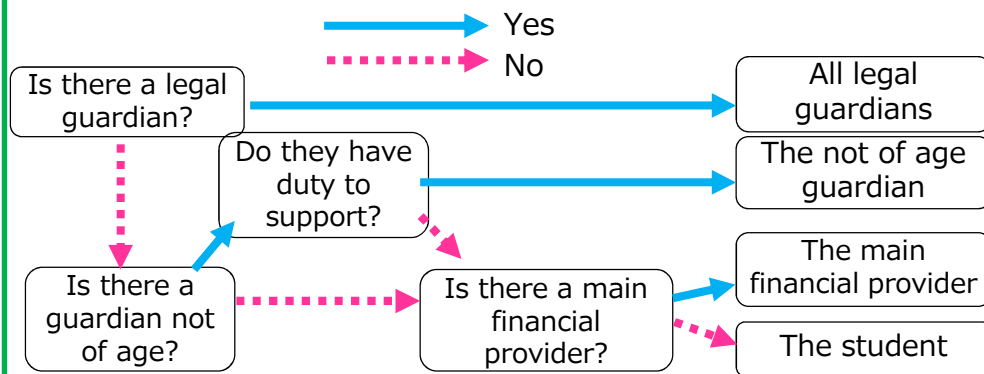
The guardian should enter their national identification number to confirm tax information with the prefecture.

- ※Applications may vary by prefecture, so please apply according to your school's instructions.
- ※If there is a change in tax base or adjusted tax deduction after filing your revised income tax return, or if there is a change in guardian due to divorce or death, it may result in a change of eligibility or grant amount, so quickly consult with your school.

【Caution】

- Receiving financial aid by applying with false information is subject to criminal punishment.
- Generally, income status registration is required for all legal guardians (ex. if both parents are legal guardians, two peoples' income status). Details will be available on the online application.

Whose income status must be registered?



○Regarding the lowering of the age of adulthood

The age of adulthood was lowered to 18 following April 2022. Even if a high school student becomes an adult while a student, aid will continue to be determined based on the income status of the parents/legal guardians. There is no need for revisions.

○Difficulty with registering income status

If it is difficult or infeasible for the legal guardian to register their income status the procedure may differ from the above chart. In this case, please consult with your school.

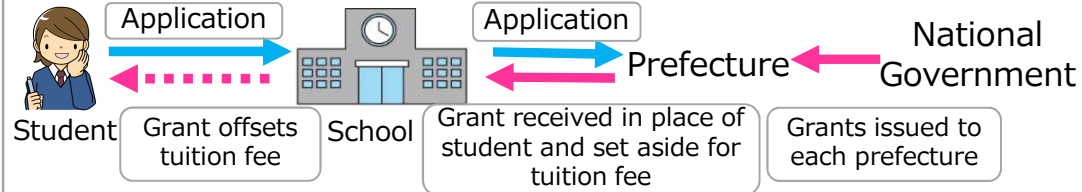
【Examples of difficulty with registering income status】

- Unable to contact legal guardian following domestic violence
- Legal guardian living overseas and not paying municipal taxes

5. How Financial Aid is Supplied

Financial aid is received by the school in place of the student and set aside for the tuition fee. **The student or guardian can not receive money directly.**

- ※ Depending on the school, the tuition fee may be collected while the grant amount is being decided and then refunded at a later date. If this causes financial hardship, it may be possible to postpone payment. Please ask your school for details.



6. Financial Emergency Support System

This system aids households who have become unable to pay tuition fees due to reasons such as injury/illness of parents, or losing a job from factors outside of their control.

- ※For details of qualifying circumstances, please contact your school

MEXT Financial Emergency Support System Website:
https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/mushouka/01754.html



7. High School Scholarships

Besides grants for entering high school, the **“High School Supplemental Scholarship Fund” (No repayment)** and other scholarships in each prefecture are available to help low income households pay for costs other than tuition such as textbooks and teaching materials.

- ※ To receive the High School Supplemental Scholarship, the guardian must **apply to the prefecture they live in**. For how to apply, contact the high school or the prefecture you live in. For each prefectures contact information, please refer to the link below.

High School Supplemental Scholarship Fund
https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/mushouka/detail/1353842.htm



MEXT Homepage:

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/mushouka/index.htm

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