

High School Tuition Support Fund 【New Program】

About High School Tuition Support Fund

Starting FY 2026, the criteria has been expanded for households eligible to receive grants to cover high school tuition fees that do not need to be repaid.

After applying, **if you have a residence in Japan and meet the requirements regarding nationality, residence status, and other criteria**, you will be eligible to receive the High School Tuition Support grant.

Grant Amount
Example
(Maximum annual
payment)

- ① National high school (full-time course, etc.): ¥115,200
- ② Public high school (full-time course, etc.): ¥118,800
- ③ Private high school (full-time course, etc.): ¥457,200
- ④ Private high school (correspondence course): ¥337,200
- ※ Varies depending on school type

Max. annual
payment
¥457,200

【No income restrictions】

Estimated
household income



Depending on the school, tuition may be collected prior to the final decision on the High School Tuition Support Grant, with the equivalent amount refunded at a later date. Additionally, households facing financial difficulties may be eligible for measures such as a deferral of tuition payment. Please contact the school for details.

Requirements on Student's Residence Status and Others

Requirements on nationality, residence status, etc.

Students enrolled in high schools or similar institutions (excluding international schools)*, who reside in Japan, do not have Japanese nationality, and hold one of the following status of residence:

- ① Special Permanent Resident; ② Permanent Resident; ③ Spouse or child of Japanese national; ④ Spouse or child of Permanent Resident
- ⑤ Long-term Resident who intends to live in Japan permanently in the future
- ⑥ Dependent who meets requirements (those who have graduated from elementary school and junior high school in Japan, and intend to work and settle in Japan even after graduating from high school or similar institution)

※ Necessary documents may vary depending on the prefecture where you live.

※ High schools or similar institutions (excluding international schools) refers to high schools (full-time, part-time, and correspondence courses), Secondary Education Schools (upper division), Special Needs Education Schools (upper secondary department), Colleges of Technology (years 1-3), Specialized Training College Upper Secondary Course, Specialized Training College General Course, Schools that offer training programs for national qualifications (those that require junior high school graduation for admission), Colleges of Maritime Technology.

Required documents

One of the following documents for the student:

- Copy of Residence Certificate (original)
- Copy of Special Permanent Resident Certificate
- Copy of Residence Card

(Dependents must also submit the following documents)

- Copy of Japanese elementary and junior high school diploma or Graduation Certificate



Application Procedure

【Paper application】

Please submit the Application for Eligibility Certification to the school along with the required documents listed above for the student.

※ Please follow the guidelines and instructions provided by the school and the prefecture where your school is located regarding the application form and other materials.



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Contacts



Please contact your school or local government.

Public

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/mushouka/1292209.htm



Private

https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/mushouka/1292214.htm



Students not eligible for support under the New High School Tuition Support Fund

New students (excluding individuals with “Student” visa)

For students newly enrolled from April 2026, those from households with an annual income of **approximately ¥9.1 million or less** who would have been deemed eligible to receive financial support under the former High School Tuition Support Fund (excluding individuals whose status of residence is “Student”), will receive financial support under the New High School Tuition Support Program. A grant of **up to ¥396,000 per year**, based on household income, will be provided to cover tuition fees.

| Requirements regarding nationality, residence status, etc. | Required documents | Max. amount of payment |
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| <p>Students newly enrolled after April 1, 2026, who are not eligible for financial support under the High School Tuition Support Fund [New Program] (excludes those whose status of residence is “Student”)</p> <p>(examples)</p> <p>① Individuals whose status of residence is “Long-term Resident” but do not intend to settle permanently in Japan</p> <p>② Individuals whose status of residence is “Dependent” but have not graduated from an elementary and/or junior high school in Japan, or do not intend to settle in Japan</p> <p>③ Individuals enrolled in an international school (including Japanese nationals)</p> | <p>One of the following documents for student, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Certificate of Residence (original) • Copy of Residence Card <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxation (Non-Taxation) Certificate of Municipal Resident Tax for all parents or guardians, etc. (original) | |

Currently enrolled students (includes individuals with “Student” visa)

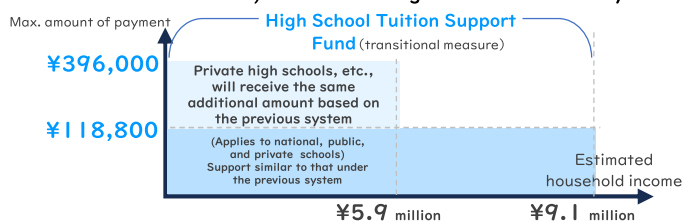
○ Students currently enrolled in a high schools or similar institutions* prior to March 31, 2026, who are not eligible for the High School Tuition Support Fund [New System]

① Students from households with an annual income of approximately less than ¥9.1 million

Students from households with an annual income of **approx. less than ¥9.1 million**, are eligible for tuition support based on the **previous system of the High School Tuition Support Fund (transitional measure)**.

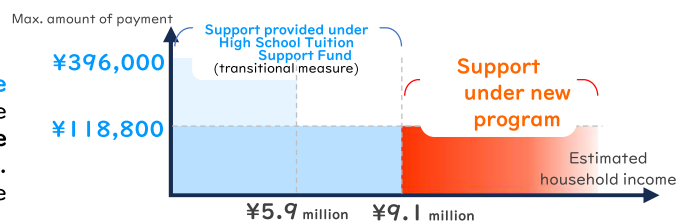
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[Transitional Measure] Applies to enrolled students (including international students) who are not eligible under the new system



② Students from households with an annual income of approx. more than ¥9.1 million

Students from households with an annual income of **approx. more than ¥9.1 million** who were subject to income restrictions under the previous system’s tuition support fund are now eligible **under the new tuition support program for high school students and others**. Regardless of income, a grant of **up to ¥118,800 per year** will be provided to cover tuition fees.



| Requirements on nationality, residence status, etc. | Required documents |
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| <p>Individuals not covered by the High School Tuition Support Fund [New Program], but are eligible to receive the high school tuition support grant as of March 31, 2026</p> <p>(examples)</p> <p>① Individuals with a “Long-term Resident” status who do not intend to reside permanently in Japan</p> <p>② Individuals whose status of residence is “Student”</p> <p>③ Individuals enrolled in international school (including Japanese nationals)</p> | <p>One of the following documents for students, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the Residence Certificate (original) • Copy of Residence Card <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxation (Non-Taxation) Certificate of Municipal Resident Tax for all parents or guardians, etc. (original) |

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