# **School Aid System Guide**

# ~In Order to Reduce the Burden of School Costs~



In Ota City, there is a system (School Aid System) that helps families who have financial concerns with children (in elementary or junior high school) partially cover public school costs.

For families that are eligible, school meals, supplies, school supplies for their new school, extracurricular activities, school excursion, medical and other fees will be financially supported.

## For example...

 School supply fees for their new school (fees for purchasing items needed for a new school such as a school bag "randoseru" and uniform) will be covered before starting school.

Amount of grants (per child)

- Children scheduled to enter elementary school
- Children scheduled to enter junior high school (6<sup>th</sup> graders)

57,000 yen 70,000 yen

◆Grants given between: Mid-to-late February, 2024

• You will no longer be required to pay for school meals after the approved day (payments will be conducted by the Board of Education)

## Eligible Households

Households (includes divided households but are still under one household) that are applicable to either of the following conditions

- 1. Households exempt from municipal inhabitant taxes
- 2. Households that have problems with school costs due to financial reasons, and are below the standard income.

Number of people	Structure of Household	Standard Income
2	Father (or mother) and elementary student	2,710,000 yen
3	Father (or mother), elementary student, and child not attending school	3,270,000 yen
4	Father, mother, elementary student, and child not attending school	3,960,000 yen
5	Father, mother, junior high student, elementary student, and child not attending school	4,710,000 yen

Standard Income for Eligible Households « reference amounts »

The standard incomes listed in the chart should only be used as a reference and may change / differ depending on the household's age, living situation, etc. Eligibility will be decided based on the application, and there will be a comprehensive check on your living conditions.

# Application Period: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (Fri.) ~ January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Fri.)

### Families planning to enroll their children into elementary school

Please submit the following documents to your scheduled school of enrollment. We do not accept submissions through mail.

- 1. School Aid Allowance Application Form
- Required Documents
- 2. Written pledge stating money received will be used for covering expenses for new school supplies
- Copy of bankbook (page with account number, name, branch name, etc.)
   <u>\*An income and tax payment certificate is required for families that are not</u> registered in Ota City by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

\* Please visit the city homepage for documents pertaining to the application. Please apply after checking you have the necessary documents. Documents are available at schools and the School Education Division.

## Families planning to enroll their children into junior high school

Please consult with your current elementary school.

Guidance on procedures/processes will be provided by your school.

### Families already receiving school aid

Families already approved of receiving school aid will be guided separately from the school.

#### Matters needing confirmation

Individuals who fall under all of the following conditions are eligible for receiving grants for supplies for their new school.

- 1. Students planning to attend a public elementary or junior high school on April 1st, 2024
- Individuals registered in Ota City when you apply (excludes individuals moving out of Ota-Shi prior to the start of elementary/junior high school (enrollment date))



3. Individuals who fall under the school aid qualification requirements.

[Caution] If you fall under either of the following statements below, you are not eligible to receive school enrollment grants before entering school.

- 1. My child is not planning to attend a public elementary or junior high school on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- 2. We are moving out of Ota-Shi prior to the start of elementary/junior high school (enrollment day).
- If you receive grants under either of the circumstances above, you will be required to refund the money received. Thus, if you think you may be applicable to these conditions, please do not apply.
- If you did not apply for this period's school aid system, but applied and received approval by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, you will receive grants for new school supplies after already attending school.
- There is an additional screening for (previous year) income in every August for the new fiscal year. It is
  possible for beneficiaries that have already received grants for school supplies to become ineligible
  depending on their household situation, etc.

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