

School Aid Program and Aid for Newly Enrolling Students



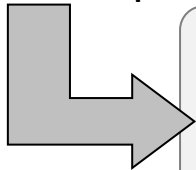
Guide for parents and guardians with children scheduled to newly enroll in April

The City of Ota operates a school aid program, *Shugaku Enjo Seido*, that provides partial financial aid for school expenses to families with children enrolled in public schools (elementary, junior high, or compulsory education schools) who face financial difficulties in sending their children to school.

<Main items to be covered by the aid>

School supplies including items for new students, out-of-school activities, school trips, medical treatment

For example...



● **Aid for new student school supplies (covering the cost of items necessary for enrollment, such as school backpacks *Randoseru* and uniforms) will be provided either before or after enrollment.**

◆ **Amount** per child:

- For New Elementary School **64,300-yen**
- For New Junior High School **81,000-yen**

◆ **Payment Schedule** (Before or after their enrollment):

Before: Late February to early March

After: Late June to early July

Eligible Households

Households in which all members who share livelihood and financially support a child (including those on work assignments away from home and those are registered separately) meet one of the following criteria (1) or (2) and are approved after screenings.

- (1) Those exempt from paying Municipal Inhabitant Tax
- (2) Those concerned about school expenses due to financial reasons and whose income is below the following income standard.

Reference amount of **Gross Income Standard for School Aid**

No. of members	Household Structure (ES: elementary school, JHS: junior high school)	Gross Income <i>Shunyu</i>	(Approx.) Net Income* <i>Shotoku</i> *After factoring in tax and deductions
2	Father (or mother) and ES student	2,780,000-yen	1,870,000-yen
3	Father (or mother), ES student, and pre-school child	3,340,000-yen	2,260,000-yen
4	Father, mother, ES student, and pre-school child	3,740,000-yen	2,560,000-yen
5	Father, mother, JHS student, ES student, and pre-school child	4,160,000-yen	2,890,000-yen

※The incomes listed in the chart should only be used as a reference and may change depending on the household's members' age, housing, or other factors. Eligibility will be examined based on your application, and decided whether or not to provide aid.

Please note that due to updates to the figures used in the calculation, the screening results may differ from those of the previous school year even under the same conditions.

Read the back page on application methods for the aid for newly enrolling students.

How to apply

Period for pre-enrollment payment: **December 1 (Tue.) – 23 (Wed.), 2026**

★Deadline for Payments After Enrollment: **April 24, 2027**

(For new ES student)

■ Households in which no older siblings attend school

Submit the following documents in-person to your child's scheduled school of enrollment.
Please note that submission by mail is not accepted.

- ◆ 1. **Application Form for Recipients of School Aid (Expenses for new students)※**
 - 2. **Pledge for Receipt of Aid for Newly Enrolling Student**
(Required if you are requesting for pre-enrollment payment.)
 - 3. **A photocopy of the bankbook page with number, name, branch of the account**
(Open the front page and photocopy it.)
- ※If you were not registered in the city on **January 1, 2026**: a **Certificate of Income Tax Shotoku Kazei Shoumeisho** is required.

Note: Application forms (PDF) are available on the city website; please print them out for use. If you need a paper form, contact at your school or at the School Education Division.

(For new ES or JH students)

■ Households in which a sibling attends school but have not received aid

Consult with the elementary or junior high school attended by the child's siblings or the child who is scheduled to enroll for application. The school will provide you with instructions on the process. Once your application for the aid is approved, you will need to apply for the pre-enrollment payment during the application period listed above. If you are planning to receive the pre-enrollment payment, apply for the program as soon as possible.

■ Households currently receiving aid

If your household has already been approved for school aid and you have a child who is scheduled to enroll in elementary or junior high school, consult with the school attended by the child's sibling (or the child who is enrolling in). Depending on your circumstances, certain procedures may be required.

Checklist

Pre-enrollment payment for aid for newly enrolling students is only available to those who meet all of the following.

- (1) Those scheduled to enroll a public elementary, junior high, or compulsory education school on April 1, 2027.
- (2) Those registered as residents of Ota City at the time of application.
(Excluding those who are planning to move out of Ota City before the entrance date.)
- (3) Those meet the requirements for the school aid program.
(There will be no changes in household status (including a move or marriage) before the enrollment date.)

【Caution】

If you fall under one of them (①②), you are not eligible for pre-enrollment payment for the aid.

- ① If your child will not start a public elementary, junior high, or compulsory education school in April 2027.
- ② If there is a change in household status—such as a move or marriage—prior to the enrollment date, resulting in the student no longer meeting the eligibility requirements.

※If you receive aid under either of the circumstances above, you **must return them**, so do not apply for it if there is a possibility that you fall under any of the above.

★If you are unable to submit your application on time, but you may apply for the Program **by April 23rd, 2027**. If your application is approved, the aid will be provided **after your child enrolling school**.

- If the application documents submitted to the Board of Education are incomplete or contain omissions, or if income information cannot be verified due to omitted income declarations or other reasons, the application cannot be reviewed, and in which case, even if submitted during the application period, the applicant may not be eligible for aid.

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