

Have you heard about government aid to help with high school tuition?

# HIGH SCHOOL TUITION SUPPORT FUND



## 1. High School Tuition Support Fund

The High School Tuition Support Fund provides students with financial aid (repayment unnecessary) to reduce education costs to families. The fund's ultimate purpose is to create a society in which all high school students can persevere in their studies regardless of their household financial situation.

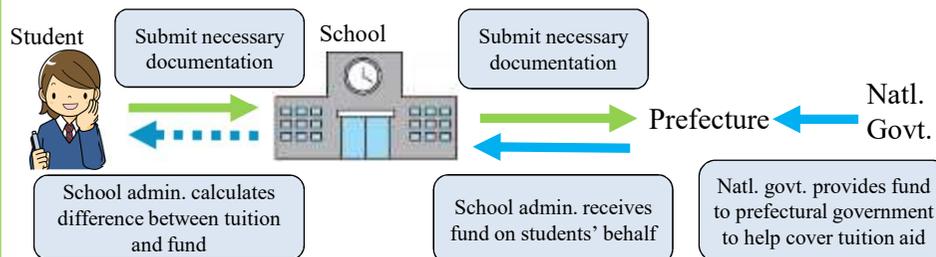
## 2. Who is eligible?

Students who live in Japan and enroll in national, public, private high schools etc. Exceptions are:

- Students whose parents' pay more than 507,000 yen in income-linked prefectural and municipal taxes
- Students who have already graduated from high school or completed the courses
- Students who have enrolled in a high school for more than 36 months (part-time course/correspondence course: 48 months)

## 3. Steps in the payment process

- ①The application form is available at your high school.
- ②Get local tax documentation from your local municipal office.
- ③Submit the application form with the local tax documentation to your high school. (In April in first year; every June or July from first to three years)
- ④Your prefecture will certify your eligibility.
- ⑤Your school will receive the High School Tuition Support Fund from the national government on your behalf. You will not receive the fund directly.
- ⑥The fund offsets your high school tuition.
- ⑦You pay the rest of the tuition. (In some high schools, you have to put up the full tuition then receive a reimbursement at the end of the year.)



## 4. Documents needed for application and notification

### (1) Application procedure (April, upon enrollment)

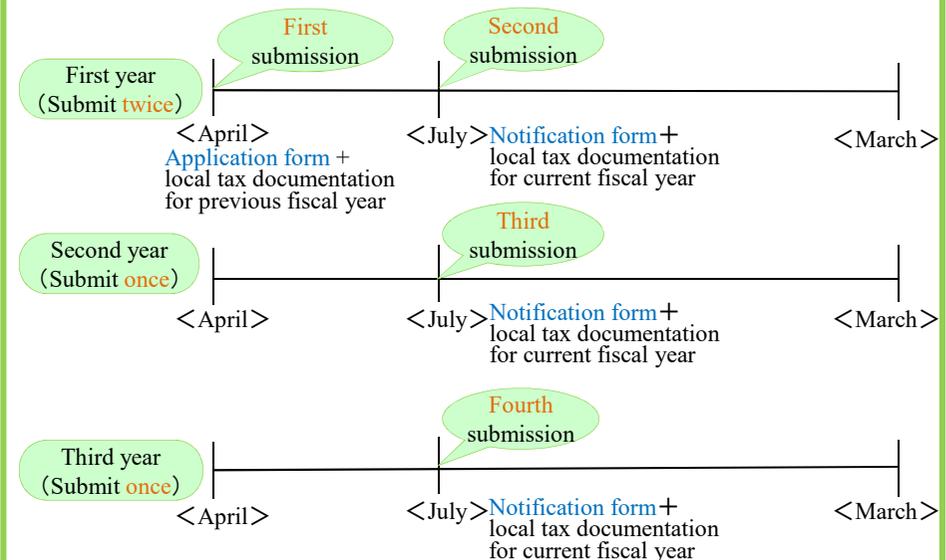
- ①Application form (available at your school)
- ②Local tax documentation showing income-linked prefectural and municipal taxes paid for previous fiscal year (you can get it at your local municipal office)

### (2) Notification procedure (every June or July)

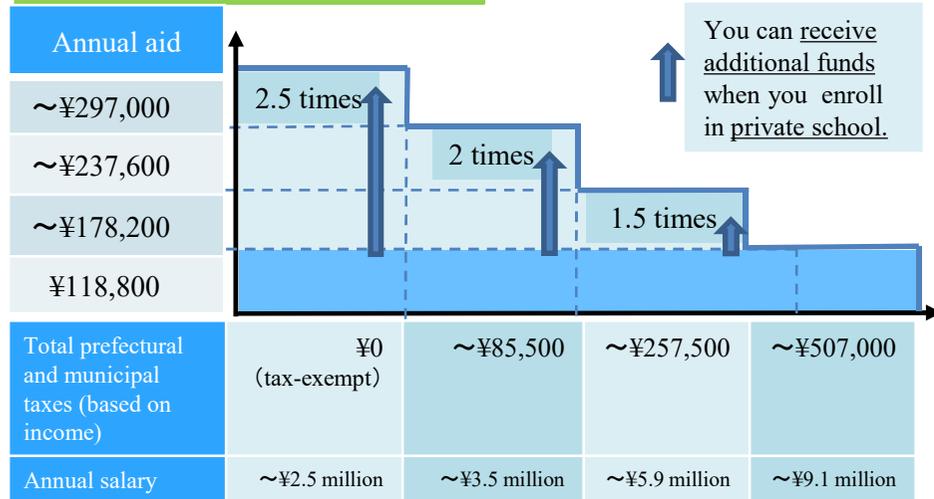
- ①Notification form (available at your school)
- ②Local tax documentation for current fiscal year (same as above)

If you make a false statement to receive the fund, you will be compelled to return the fund and will be subject to criminal penalty.

- ※Prefectural and municipal taxes are types of residence tax.
- ※In principle, if both parents are present, you must submit both parents' local tax documentation.
- ※In some prefectures, you can apply using the social security and tax number system called My Number instead of local tax documentation.



## 5. How much will I receive?

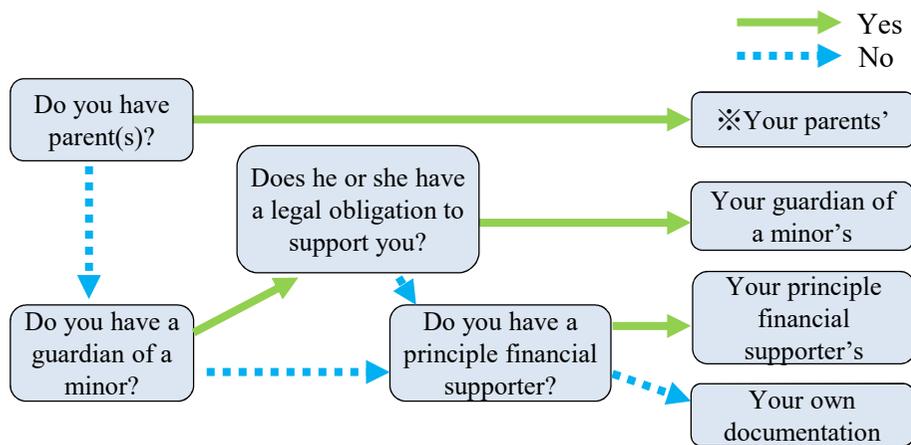


※Households paying **over ¥507,000 in income-linked prefectural and municipal taxes must pay the full tuition.**

※Households must cover the difference between tuition and fund.

※Amount of fund differs for part-time and correspondence course students.

## 6. Whose local tax documentation do I submit?



※If one of your parents' local tax documents cannot be submitted due to domestic violence or similar issue, you can submit the documents of just one. Please contact your school or local municipal office.

## 7. How much are my income-linked prefectural and municipal taxes? (Details and forms vary by municipality.)

◆ The following documents can verify your income-linked prefectural and municipal taxes (所得割額):

- Local tax documentation (課税証明書) issued by your local municipal office
- Notification of decision/modification of special collection of municipal tax (特別徴収税額の決定・変更通知書) provided by your employer every June
- Notification on collection of residence tax (住民税納税通知書) (If you are self-employed, your local municipal office will make the notification.)

◆ Please declare your taxes to your local municipal office if for some reason your local taxes cannot be documented.

## 8. Other financial support

◆ In addition to the High School Tuition Support Fund, the **High School Supplemental Scholarship Fund** provides financial aid to cover education-related costs other than tuition. All households exempt from paying income-linked prefectural and municipal taxes are eligible. Repayment is unnecessary.

◆ There are independent tuition aid programs run at the prefectural level.

◆ Contact information for each prefectural office is listed on the site below.

※Contact information:

Office for Financial Support in Upper Secondary Education, Elementary and Secondary Education Bureau, MEXT

HP: [http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/shotou/mushouka/1342674.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/mushouka/1342674.htm)

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