

Notice Regarding School Assistance Program

From the Shizuoka City Board of Education

The City of Shizuoka has an assistance program for those facing financial difficulties in sending their children to elementary or junior high school. The assistance covers part of the costs related to school supplies, school lunches, etc. Those who wish to apply should first read this document carefully, and then apply directly to your child's school.

1 Eligible Persons:

To qualify, your child must be living in Shizuoka City and attending a municipal elementary or junior high school. The parent or legal guardian must meet one of the following two conditions.

- 1.1 Is receiving welfare payments.
- 1.2 For residents experiencing financial difficulties whose total annual net income (income from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025) of all cohabiting family members is below the municipality-designated threshold.

Note: The income of cohabiting family members registered under separate households still count towards the family's total annual net income.

<Estimates for Designated (Annual) Thresholds>

※For reference only. These estimates are subject to change based on household composition, ages of its family members, and types of income. If you are unsure whether your income falls below the threshold, submit an application to the Board of Education for review.

Category	Cohabiting Family Members	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people
Example Family Compositions		Parent (38), Child (13)	Parents (38, 39), Child (13)	Parents (38, 39), Children (13, 11)	Parents (38, 39), Children (13, 11, 8)	Parents (38, 39), Children (13, 11, 8, 6)
Income Threshold	For Homeowners	est. 2.1 million JPY	est. 2.55 million JPY	est. 3.05 million JPY	est. 3.55 million JPY	est. 4 million JPY
	For Tenants	est. 2.65 million JPY	est. 3.15 million JPY	est. 3.7 million JPY	est. 4.15 million JPY	est. 4.65 million JPY

※Program eligibility will be assessed based on the **"Employment Income After Deductions"** on the Withholding Tax Statement and the **"Total Income"** on the Annual Tax Return.

2 Documents Required for Application

- 2.1 **Application Form No. 1:** Application for School Expense Assistance for Students Requiring Partial or Full Assistance
- 2.2 **Bank Transfer Request Form No. 7-1**
- 2.3 **Additional Documents:** Please submit the additional documents if any of the below apply to you. (Not required for those receiving welfare payments)

For applicants not registered as residents of Shizuoka City as of January 1, 2026.	Submit the "FY2026 Municipal Tax Statement" indicating your income, issued by the municipality where you were registered as a resident on January 1, 2026.
For applicants with no income due to unemployment, leave of absence, or parental leave as of the date of submitting the application.	Unemployment: Documents that indicate the date of leaving employment, such as a copy of your Unemployment Beneficiary Certificate or your Withholding Tax Statement. Leave of absence: Employer-issued documents indicating the length of your leave. Parental leave: Documents verifying your parental leave such as the Parental Leave Benefit Approval Notice.
If there are individuals in your household who have no income and/or are not required to file a tax return (Individuals 19 or older as of March 31, 2026)	File your municipal tax return at the Municipal Tax Department (City Hall) or the Shimizu Tax Office. Declaration location: Municipal Tax Division (054-221-1041) or Shimizu Municipal Tax Office (054-354-2072).
If you have a spouse living separately (e.g. due to a job transfer)	Submit municipality-issued documents indicating the income of your cohabitants such as their "FY2026 Municipal Tax Statement."
If you are undergoing divorce mediation	Please submit a copy of the mediation application or complaint document.

If you reside in a two-family home or have individuals at the same address who are financially independent	You must provide evidence proving separate financial status, such as copies of utility bills (e.g., electricity, water) for both the applicant's household and the cohabiting household from the same month and year. Note: If you cannot submit these documents, the cohabiting individuals will be regarded as part of the same household.
If your current income differs significantly from the income during the relevant review period*	If your income has significantly decreased since the relevant review period*, and you wish to be reviewed based on your current situation, please submit documents verifying your income for the most recent three months. Be sure to complete the "Bonus Status" section the application form.

※Assessment Period: Eligibility is determined based on income earned from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

3 Application Method

Where to Submit: The school your child is attending.

Note: If siblings are enrolled in different elementary or junior high schools, please submit the application to each respective school.

4 Certification Period

The certification period begins in the month your application is accepted and continues until the end of June 2027

※Children in their 3rd year of Middle School for FY2026 have until March 31, 2027 to apply.

5 Application Period (Please submit the application documents by the deadline set by each school)

By the last day of each month (Certification Period: From the month of application to the end of June).

6 Types of Assistance and Estimated Amounts (Annual)

Note: The amounts listed are estimates and may be subject to change.

Expense Item	Those Requiring Partial Assistance (Not Receiving Welfare Benefits)		Those Requiring Full Assistance (Receiving Welfare Benefits)	
	Elementary School	Junior High School	Elementary/Junior High School	
Enrollment Assistance (Only for students entering first year from April, approved in advance or in April)	64,300 JPY	81,000 JPY	/	
School Supplies	11,630 JPY	22,730 JPY		
Commuting Supplies (excluding first year students)	2,270 JPY	2,270 JPY		
Off-Campus Activity Expenses (Transport, admission)	Without overnight stay	Upper limit: 1,600 JPY		Upper limit: 2,310 JPY
	With overnight stay	Upper limit: 3,690 JPY		Upper limit: 6,210 JPY
Commuting Expenses	Equivalent to the cost of a commuter pass			
School Lunch Fees		The portion borne by parents		
P.E. equipment (not including club activities)		Cost of Judo uniform Upper limit: 7,650 JPY		
School Trip Expenses	Expenses incurred are divided equally among individuals. All participants will follow the same itinerary. (Once each during elementary and junior high school)			
Medical Expenses (Treatment costs for eligible illnesses)	Conditions: Cavities, chronic sinus infections, middle ear infections, conjunctivitis, parasite infections, adenoids, ringworm, scabies, impetigo (school sores), trachoma			

Note 1: If application and acceptance take place mid-school year, the above amounts will be adjusted to fit the remaining months in the school year.

Note 2: "Commuting expenses" are granted to children commuting by bus or train (excluding those who changed their designated school) if the school is over 4km from home (elementary school) or over 6 km from home (junior high school). They will also be granted if the child is enrolled in a special education class.

Recipients of the Shizuoka Long-Distance Student Commuter Benefits are not eligible to receive the "Commuter Fees" allowance under the School Assistance Program.

Note 3: Following a policy change to make elementary "school lunches" free effective FY2026, allowances for these will no longer be provided under the School Assistance Program.

7 Payment Method

7.1 The school assistance funds will be transferred to the parent/guardian's bank account as specified in the submitted bank transfer request form.

7.2 Receipts (copies are acceptable) are required for assistance with commute expenses and physical education equipment expenses.

- 7.3 The annual amounts listed above will be paid in three installments. The payment amounts may vary depending on the month of certification.
- 7.4 If there are unpaid fees to your child's school for items covered by the school assistance funds, the assistance funds may be paid directly to the school.

8 Important Notes

- If there are any changes to the application details, please notify your child's school immediately.
- If there are errors in the application form or missing documents, you may be asked to resubmit through the school.

9 Other Information

We are working in collaboration with schools to provide assistance, ensuring your child can enjoy their school life with peace of mind. All application details will be handled with strict attention to privacy.

Inquiries:

Your child's school **OR**

Shizuoka City Board of Education, Student Support Division, Student Assistance Section (TEL 054-354-2532)