

Save the Children Cash Assistance Supporting New Students 2024



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Application Guidelines



Save the Children Cash Assistance 2024 for New Students

Parents/Guardians of New School Entrants -1st Year Junior High School, 1st Year High School

We will provide a portion of the costs associated with new enrollments for families who have specific difficulties in their lives and are in need of financial assistance.

* There are other conditions besides financial situation to apply. Please see page 2 and beyond for details.

Nationwide
(with residency
in Japan)

30,000 yen for
new 1st year
junior high
school students

50,000 yen for
new 1st year high
school students

Total of 1,000
recipients

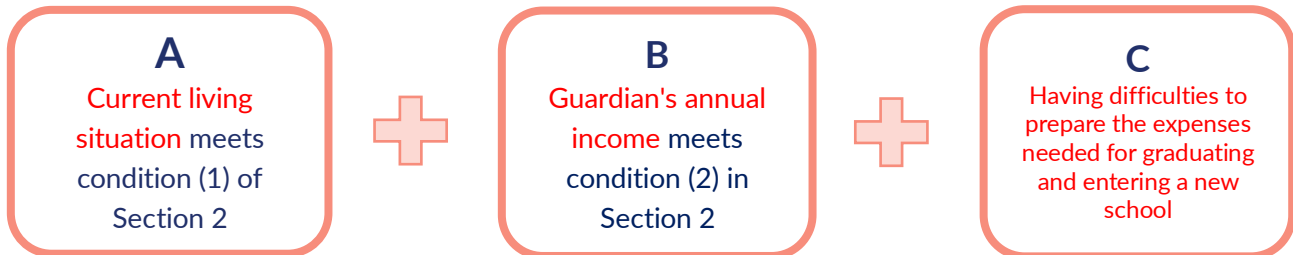
No need to
pay back

Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024

1. Overview of Assistance

(1) Eligibility the Assistance

- The child concerned must be scheduled to enter a junior high school or high school, etc., within Japan in April 2024.
- The child concerned must reside in Japan at the time of application and meet **all of the following eligibility criteria A through C set by Save the Children.**



*Please see page 3 and beyond for details. In the event that there are too many applicants, the selection process

***Please be sure to submit the certification documents** for household verification (certificate of residence and child support allowance certificate) **and for eligibility of criteria A and B.**

* Families receiving Seikatsu Hogo (Public Assistance) are not eligible for this cash assistance.

* It is also possible to apply for more than one child who is starting school(s). However, please note that each application will be reviewed separately based on the conditions of the child and we may not be able to provide assistance to all of the children from the same household.

*If the parent or guardian has difficulty applying, it is possible for the municipal government, support organizations, or the school concerned to apply on their behalf. The same application form is to be used in this case. Contact us for further information if anything is not clear, or if you have any questions.

* In addition to public schools (prefectural or municipal), private schools, special support schools, correspondence high schools, part-time high schools, junior high schools and high schools, etc. (Article 1 schools: the schools stipulated in Article 1 of the School Education Act), non-Article 1 miscellaneous schools, international schools, and "free schools (alternative schools)" are also included.

*New 1st year high school students are children who were born on or after April 2, 2006, and are entering high school or other schools for the first time.

(2) Information on Assistance

For each eligible child, we will provide a portion of costs associated with graduation and new enrollment.

- **New 1st year junior high school student: 30,000 yen (quota: 400 students)**
- **New 1st year high school student: 50,000 yen (quota: 600 students)**

*The selection is based on the documents submitted and information provided in the application. If the number of applicants exceeds the maximum number of assistances available, the recipients will be determined based on an internal selection process. Even if the number of applicants is less than the maximum number of assistances available, you may not be granted the assistance based on the selection process.

*The number of applicants for each school year is subject to change. Please note that we are unable to provide any information regarding the status of applications or details of the selection process.

(3) Application Period

12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 to 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024

*Please note that applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted, no matter what the reasons are.

*Application will be accepted through the online form starting on Wednesday, January 10th noon.

*Applications should be submitted online. Applications will be accepted by mail only under unavoidable circumstances. Applications by mail must arrive in Save the Children office no later than January 24th (Wednesday). Please note that the postmark is not valid.

2. Eligibility Criteria A, B, and C

(1) Eligibility Criteria A. Current Living Situation

Current living situation must meet one of the conditions ① to ⑤.

- ① The child concerned or a family member living with the child **has a disability**.
- ② The child concerned or a family member living with the child **has an illness that requires daily assistance or care**.
- ③ Both or either of the child concerned and their parent/guardian **do not speak Japanese as a mother tongue and are in receipt of support due to difficulties communicating in Japanese in everyday life**.

*A recommendation from a supporter (support group, school, government, etc.) who provides Japanese language support is required. Please confirm the recommendation by the supporter on the application form.

*If there is no recommendation, please apply under ⑤(d) "A situation that requires considerable consideration in daily life other than the condition (a)-(c)."

- ④ Public assistance is not available for reasons such as **unstable status of residence or statelessness** of the child concerned and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s).
- ⑤ Any of the following apply apart from ①-④ above.
 - (a) The parent/guardian of the child concerned has been subjected to domestic violence or has been displaced because of it.
 - (b) The schoolwork of the child concerned is disrupted and their grades are declining or they are tardy or absent from school frequently due to the daily care of his/her preschool-aged siblings in place of the parent/guardian.
 - (c) The child is being supported due to circumstances in the family environment, such as being cared for by a person other than the parents for reasons other than illness/disability
 - (d) A situation that requires considerable consideration in daily life other than conditions (a)-(c).

*Economic reasons are not subject to screening under the eligibility condition "A. Current Living Situation".

*Please apply under (d) if the child is abused or has been displaced as a result (excluding social foster care) or other circumstances that require considerable consideration in terms of daily life.

*Applying under ⑤ may not be eligible for selection depending on the information provided in the application.

*More details on Eligibility Condition A are available in the Frequently Asked Questions and Answers section (<https://bit.ly/3QuZeu2> Japanese Only) for reference.

(2) Eligibility Criteria B. Parent's/Guardian's Annual Income

The total annual income of the parents/guardians (counted as one income for a single-parent household, and the total of two incomes for a two-parents household) must meet one of the following conditions ① to ③ set by Save the Children.

- ① **Fiscal year 2023 tax-exempt households or households receiving full child support allowance**
The total annual income for the parent/guardian of the household in 2021 must be about the following Table A
*Please refer to Q & A for Frequently Asked Questions (<https://bit.ly/3QuZeu2> Japanese Only) to check if your household is eligible for the full child support allowance.
- ② **Household with sudden changes in household finances in 2022 (e.g. loss of income) and income for 2023 was within Table A below.**
- ③ **Households receiving a disability pension or survivors' pension, and the combined income for 2022 was within Table B below.**

Table A. Annual income limits for guardian(s) in 2023

*Please check according to the number of dependent children and household situation

(Unit: yen)

Number of children	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Single parent	1,350,000	1,470,000	1,820,000	2,170,000	2,520,000	2,870,000	3,220,000	3,570,000
Two parents	1,470,000	1,820,000	2,170,000	2,520,000	2,870,000	3,220,000	3,570,000	3,920,000

Table B. Annual income limits for guardian(s) in 2023 who receive Disability Pension or Survivors' Pension

*Please check according to the number of dependent children and household situation

(Unit: yen)

Number of children	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Single parent	1,879,680	2,124,720	2,549,720	2,974,720	3,399,720	3,824,720	4,249,720	4,674,720
Two parents	1,999,680	2,474,720	2,899,720	3,324,720	3,749,720	4,174,720	4,599,720	5,024,720

*Parents/guardians in receipt of public pensions other than disability pensions or bereaved family pensions are to refer to **Table A**.

*If you are in receipt of unemployment benefits or invalidity benefits, check that **the total sum including these benefits** is within the above-mentioned sums.

*Annual income is the amount of income items shown on the taxation certificate for FY2023. It includes **taxable income such as employment earning and unearned income (real estate income, stock investment, etc.), as well as survivor's pension, disability pension, and other public pensions**. Unearned income is converted into income only when it is positive.

*More detailed information is listed in Section 2. Income Conditions in the Q & A for Frequently Asked Questions page (<https://bit.ly/3QuZeu2> Japanese Only) for parents or guardians whose income exceeds the above-mentioned income standards and who are supporting family members over the age of 18 within the same household.

*Even if the annual household income is within the above standard, if the difference between the household earnings and the adjusted income is large, the applicant may not be eligible.

(3) Eligibility Criteria C. Expenses Needed for Graduating and Entering a New School

It is difficult to prepare the expenses needed for graduating from current school and enroll in a new school.

*Please check the application form to confirm what is specifically meant by "difficulty in preparing expenses."



3. Application Process

(1) Read the application guidelines to see if you meet the eligibility criterias.

*Refer to Section 2. Eligibility Conditions A, B, and C on pages 3 and 4 for details.



(2) Prepare all the documents required for the application.

- ◆ Documents to verify household composition
- ◆ Documents to verify Eligibility Criteria A. Current Living Situation.
- ◆ Documents to verify Eligibility Criteria B. Parent's/Guardian's Annual Income

*Refer to Section 5. Documents to Submit on pages 6 and 7 for details.



(3) Fill in the required information in the application form and submit it with the required document data.

[Application Form 1] <https://bit.ly/3RbCGiw>

*The application form will be available from 12:00 p.m. on January 10.

*The application is divided into two forms, Form 1 and Form 2. Please ensure to complete both forms 1 and 2. Otherwise, the application will not be accepted. For more information, please check the application form.

*If you have difficulty in submitting an online application, please contact us with the reason in the inquiry form.

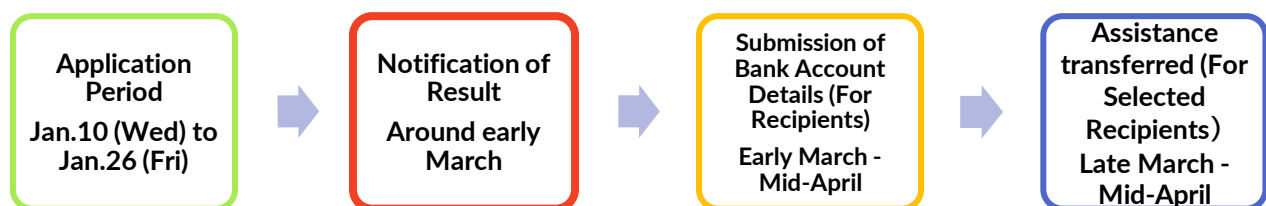


(4) All applicants will be notified of the results by e-mail (scheduled around early March)

*Please note that we cannot respond to any questions regarding the content of the selection process or the status of your application.

Applications need to be submitted online. If you have any questions about how to apply or if it is difficult to apply online, please contact us using the inquiry form or by e-mail.

4. Flow From Receipt of Application Through to Decision on Payment of Assistance



*May change depending on the schedule.

(1) If there are too many applicants after the application is received, Save the Children will screen the applications to determine who is eligible for the assistance. Selection will be conducted based on the documents and information submitted at the time of application. All applicants will be notified of the results by e-mail (we will not be able to provide any details about the selection process).

(2) Successful applicants will then be required to submit details on the bank account into which the assistance is to be paid on a bank account details form.

(3) After the bank account details are submitted, the assistance will be paid into the specified bank account.

*The payment period is scheduled to be between mid-March and mid-April. **There may be delays to payments if there are any problems with the bank account details submitted.**

5. Documents to Submit

Prepare the documents listed in (1) through (3) below, and attach a photograph or scanned data via the application form.

*If you are applying for siblings, you may attach one copy of the certificate each when attaching the same certificate. Please attach the same data on each application form.

(1) Documents verifying household composition

- **[Mandatory] Certificate of Residence [Juminhyo] for all members of the household (obtained on or after January 4, 2024)**

*Submit a copy that clearly states the relationship and head of household, the name of the issuing municipality, and the date of acquisition.

*If it is difficult to obtain a certificate of residence, please contact us.

*If a person on provisional release is a member of the household, the provisional release permit will be considered as a certificate of residence.

- **[Mandatory for some applicants] Certificate of Child-Rearing Allowance [Jido Fuyo Teate Shosho] (valid as of January 2024)**

*Mandatory for households receiving Child-Rearing Allowance.

*Submit a copy showing the name of the allowance, expiration date, monthly allowance amount, name of the recipient, number of eligible children, and name of the municipality.

(2) Documents verifying 2. (1) A. Current Living Situation ① to ⑤

*If you have documents other than those listed below that show your respective living situation, please select "Other Certificates" from the form and attach them to your application.

*If a certificate has an expiration date, please submit one that is valid at the time of application.

*If you are unable to provide any of the documents listed in ①-⑤, please select "(d) A situation that requires considerable consideration in daily life other than conditions (a)-(c)" on the application form and provide a detailed description of your situation in the free text box.

① Proof of disability

- **[One of the following is required] Physical disability certificate, medical rehabilitation handbook (Ai no Techo, Midori no Techo, Aigo Techo, etc.), mental disability certificate, special child support allowance certificate, document showing receipt of disability pension, proof of attendance at special-education school (class), certificate of recipient of disability welfare services, certificate of day care recipient for disabled children, notice of results of certification of need for nursing care**

② Proof of illness

- **[One of the following is required] Medical certificate, attending physician's opinion documentation, certificate of hospital visit (hospitalization), medication book, hospitalization medical plan, certificate of recipient of specified medical expenses, certificate of recipient of medical care for services and supports for persons with disabilities**

③ Proof of daily support in Japanese language

- **[Mandatory for some applicants] Proof of enrollment (attendance) in Japanese language classes, notification of decision to start classes**

④ Proof of unstable status of residence

- **[One of the following is required] A certificate of provisional release, a certificate showing that your status of residence is unstable (Immigration Services Agency notification letter, etc.)**

⑤ Proof of difficulties in daily life other than ①-④

- **If you intend to apply under ⑤(a), one of the following document is required: Protection order, victim report, proof of residence in a mother-child assisted living facility**

- **If you intend to apply under ⑤(b) or (c), you are required to submit documents that verify the conditions.**

*Please refer to Section 2(1) on page 3 for details regarding ⑤(a)-(c).

*Please inquire in advance regarding certification for those who fall under ⑤(a)-(c).

(3) Documents verifying 2. (2) B. Parent's/Guardian's Annual Income Conditions ①-③

Households exempt from levy on income for inhabitant tax in FY2023 and households receiving full child support allowance

[Mandatory] Certificate of civic and prefectural income taxation [Shotoku Kazei Shomeisho] for FY2023

*The name of the certificate will differ depending on the municipality in which you reside. Only a certificate that shows a breakdown of your annual earnings, income amount, income deductions, and deductions for dependents (proof of all items), etc., will be accepted. Please check with your city hall or ward office to obtain a certificate that shows a breakdown of your income, and that certifies all items.

*If you submit a document that does not show all the required information, we will ask you to resubmit it.

*If a person with a provisional release is a member of the household, the provisional release permit will be considered as proof of income.

② Household finances changed suddenly in 2023, and annual income in 2023 was about the Table

A.

➤ **[Mandatory] Certificate of civic and prefectural income taxation [Shotoku Kazei Shomeisho] for FY2023**

*The name of the certificate will differ depending on the municipality in which you reside. Only a certificate that shows a breakdown of your annual income, income amount, income deductions, and deductions for dependents (proof of all items), etc., will be accepted. Please check with your city hall or ward office to obtain a certificate that shows a breakdown of your income, and that certifies all items.

*If you submit a document that does not show all the required information, we will ask you to resubmit it.

➤ **[Mandatory] Proof of total annual income for 2023, such as a 2023 withholding tax certificate [Gensen Choshuhyo]**

*If you have more than one employer for the year 2023, please submit withholding tax certificate for all of them.

*If you do not have a withholding tax certificate, please submit your pay stubs for the 12 months of 2023.

*If you are a sole proprietor, please prepare an [Application for Sudden Changes in Household Finances and Income and Expenditures Statement](#) (PDF and Word files are available at the bottom of the linked page, respectively), and submit documents that show your income and expenditure, such as account books.

③ Households in receipt of a disability pension or bereaved family pension, and income for 2022 was about Table B.

➤ **[Mandatory] Recent certificate of revisions to disability and bereaved family pensions [Izoku or Shogai Nenkin Kaitei Tsuchisho]**

➤ **[Mandatory] Certificate of civic and prefectural income taxation [Shotoku Kazei Shomeisho] for FY2023**

*The name of the certificate will differ depending on the municipality in which you reside. Only a certificate that shows a breakdown of your annual income, income amount, income deductions, and deductions for dependents (proof of all items), etc., will be accepted. Please check with your city hall or ward office to obtain a certificate that shows a breakdown of your income, and that certifies all items.

*If you submit a document that does not show all the required information, we will ask you to resubmit it.

*Submit a certificate of eligibility for receiving employment benefit insurance if you were in receipt of unemployment benefits, and either the notification of the decision to award you invalidity benefits or the notification of the decision to award you temporary absence from work compensation paid from Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance if you were in receipt of invalidity benefits (both if the payment source was changed within the same year).

6. Please read before applying

*Be sure to check before applying

◆ Details Pertaining to Assistance

The Save the Children Cash Assistance 2024 for New Students is a program undertaken by Save the Children for addressing poverty issues among children within Japan. It involves support to cover part of the expenses incurred when children enter or graduate from school to ensure that all children are able to enter school with peace of mind and without any anxieties over financial difficulties. What we learn through this project will inform our awareness raising, policy advocacy, and public relations activities, with the aim of realizing measures to improve the food situation and lives of all children.

◆ Confirming Application Details

There are cases in which you will be contacted by telephone or e-mail to confirm the details of your application. Because of this, you are requested to list your current telephone number and e-mail address, as well as the times you will be available for answering the telephone.

◆ Application Details and Documents

If any of the information provided in your application is found to be false, you are asked to return assistance paid. Please make sure you review the guidelines carefully and double-check the details of your application and documents before submitting them.

◆ Applicants

Feel free to inquire with us if, for any reason, the child concerned or their parent/guardian has any difficulties submitting the application. It is possible for third parties to complete the application procedures on behalf of the recipient, etc.

◆ Income Conditions

Please contact us if the guardian involved in child-rearing is anybody other than the mother, father, grandparents, uncle, or aunt.

◆ Selection Process

Applications will be screened based on the documents and information submitted. Even if the number of applicants is less than the maximum number of assistance available, the program may not be able to grant the assistance depending on the result of the selection process. Please note that we are unable to respond to any questions regarding details of the selection process.

◆ Combination with Other Scholarships

This assistance can be used in combination with scholarships other than Save the Children or public programs (high school scholarships, financial aid, etc.).

◆ Use of Information Provided in Application

The information provided in the application form may be used for statistical analysis and activities of Save the Children such as awareness raising, policy advocacy and public relations activities, and program reports, in a manner that does not identify individuals. Recipients of the assistance may be asked to participate in Save the Children surveys and interviews. In such cases, we will ask you again whether you are willing to participate.

◆ Privacy Policy

Personal information obtained at the time of application will be used for communication and procedures necessary for the implementation of this assistance, for providing information to applicants on other activities and available services provided by Save the Children, and for conducting questionnaires and interview surveys, and Save the Children will take full responsibility for managing and storing this information (the storage period is 5 years after the completion of the assistance). Personal information will not be supplied to third parties without the express permission of the applicants.

In addition, translation, compilation, and analysis of the application information may be outsourced to professionals and companies with whom Save the Children enters into a subcontracting agreement, in such cases, your personal information will be protected under Save the Children's privacy protection principles. Application information and its aggregate results may be used for activities of Save the Children such as program reports, awareness raising activities, policy advocacy, and public relations activities, however, will never be disclosed in a manner that identifies individuals.

See here for details on our privacy policy:

https://www.savechildren.or.jp/privacy_policy/



【 If you have any question, please contact us through Inquiry Form 】

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*You are requested to send all inquiries via the inquiry form or by e-mail. Responses to inquiries written in languages other than Japanese or English may be delayed.

Save the Children

Save the Children is a non-profit international that supports children in 120 countries throughout the world, including Japan. It has been active for one-hundred years with the goal of attaining a world that respects the rights of children. In the aftermath of the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake in March 2011, Save the Children carried out emergency and recovery programs in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures until the end of 2015. Since 2016, we have been offering a cash assistance for children that provides a portion of the cost of schooling, mainly in the Tohoku coastal area and areas affected by large scale disasters, with the aim of reducing the burden of education-related expenses. Over the course of six years, we have continually supported the school entry, progression onto higher education, and high school lives of more than 8,200 children. Since 2022, we have been expanding the program to the entire country and the number of children eligible for receiving cash assistances, and in 2023, we provided cash assistances to 979 students.