

IMPORTANT

Academic Year 2024-2025

Information on Financial Aid Program

"Shugaku-enjo"

"Shugaku-enjo" is financial assistance (toward educational supplies and school meals) for families in need of support. If you wish to apply for assistance, please follow the guidelines.

■ Requirements for Eligibility

Parents/guardians of children enrolled in national, prefectural or other public elementary and/or junior high schools must reside in Kurume (*), and ONE of the requirements below must apply to your household (excluding private schools).

(*) If you live outside of Kurume, but your child is enrolled in a public school in Kurume, you may be eligible for partial assistance.

- (1) Previous financial aid ended on or after April 1, 2023
- (2) A household member received full Child-care Allowance.
- (3) All household members are exempted from National Pension Premium.
- (4) All household members are exempted from Municipal Residents Tax.
- (5) Sudden change in living conditions due to certain circumstances, such as death, marital separation or unemployment of parents.
- (6) (1)-(5) do not apply, but the total income of all household members is low and living in or near poverty.

■ Income Specification for Aid Eligibility

No. of Household Members	2	3	4	5	6
Income Limit (Yearly)	Approx. ¥2.90 million	Approx. ¥3.55 million	Approx. ¥4.36 million	Approx. ¥4.67 million	Approx. ¥5.45 million

※For households of 7 or more, add approximately 630,000 JPY per each additional member to the list above. Total income of all household members in the same residency form is screened. You may still be eligible for this financial assistance even if the total income exceeds the limit, depending on the household circumstances. All applications will thoroughly be considered for any eligibilities, but you must apply within.

■ Submission Period:

Feb 13 (TUE) – Mar 29 (FRI), 2024 Weekdays 8:30-17:15

※The closing time of registration varies from school to school.

※Application is not necessary if you already applied for the "School Supplies for New Enrolling Students" in January.

※Applications are accepted after April, however, grants will only begin on the month of approval. As such, early submission is recommended.

You need to apply for "Shugaku-enjo" every year!

School Health Division (City Hall 17F) will also accept application forms at the following times:

Schedule	Every Thursday	3/25 (MON) -3/29(FRI)	3/30(SAT) ·3/31(SUN)
Time	17:15-19:00	17:15-19:00	9:00-12:30



■ Submission Locations (Any Location Below)

Board of Education	School Health Division (City Hall 17F)	TEL 0942-30-9273
	Tanushimaru Office (City Hall, Tanushimaru Branch Office 2F)	TEL 0943-74-4000
	Kitano Office (Kitano Shogai Gakushu Center)	TEL 0942-78-2308
	Jojima Office (Jojima Sogo Bunka Center)	TEL 0942-62-2117
	Mizuma Office (Mizuma Shogai Gakushu Center)	TEL 0942-64-3020

※ **Civic centers do not accept applications.**

※ You may apply at any municipal elementary and junior high school in Kurume. If your children are enrolled in both elementary and junior high schools, you can select either school to apply.

■ Expenses Covered by the Program

(Amount below is from 2023 as an example. Amount of 2024 will be specified in the approval notice.)

Types of Expenses	School Grades	Yearly Total Amount (yen)	Breakdown of Grant Amount (yen)		
			Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
School Supplies	Elementary Grade 1	13,230	4,350	5,550	3,330
	Elementary Grades 2-6	15,500	6,620	5,550	3,330
	Junior High Grade 1	25,040	8,320	10,450	6,270
	Junior High Grades 2-3	27,310	10,590	10,450	6,270
School Supplies for New Enrolling Students	Elementary Grade 1	40,600	※ Eligible for those approved by May		
	Junior High Grade 1	47,400			
Graduation School Trip	Applicable Grade(s) Only	Elementary: (Max.) 21,490 Junior High: (Max.) 57,590	For transportation, hotel and facility admission fee (Only the trip after the month of approval will be covered)		
Overnight Field Trip	Applicable Grade(s) Only	Elementary: (Max.) 3,620 Junior High: (Max.) 6,100	For transportation and facility admission fee (Only the activity after the month of approval will be covered)		
Medical Care	Kurume City will cover 30% of actual medical treatment expenses for diseases under the provisions of the School Health & Safety Act, Article 8. First receive a medical card from the school (a school nurse) and then provide it to your health care provider.				
	(Reference) Disease under the Provisions of School Health & Safety Act, Article 8: ①Trachoma ②Conjunctivitis ③Trichophytosis (Ringworm of the Body & Scalp, Athlete's Foot) ④Scabies ⑤Impetigo ⑥Otitis Media ⑦Chronic Sinusitis ⑧Adenoidism ⑨Parasitic Disease (Presence of Parasite Eggs) ⑩ Decayed tooth (Cavity, limited to treatment covered by Health Insurance)				
School Lunch	All Grades	Full Amount	End of each term (Payment made to school by direct deposit)		
Food Allergy Management & Advisement in Schools	All Grades	(Max.) 4,630	Payment for continued research toward food allergy management and advisement in schools (①document fees or ②self-paid medical expenses) are eligible; retain proof of any medical institution visits.		
PTA	Elementary	(Max.) 3,380	Actual annual amount of school collection		
	Junior High	(Max.) 4,190			
Student Council	Junior High	(Max.) 5,450	Actual annual amount of school collection		
Club Activities	Junior High	6,000	※ Eligible for those who belong to school clubs		

※School Supplies …Available for use in purchase costs of school stationery items and communication expenses for online learning, etc.

■ What You Need to Apply:

Applicant's (Parent/Guardian's) Personal Financial Statement or Report (such as a bankbook)

If any of the following applies, please bring the necessary documents:

- Households with members with a Disability Certificate:
 - Disability Certificate (physical, medical rehabilitation and/or mental disability)
- All household members are exempted from the National Pension Premium:
 - Approval Letter for National Pension Exemption for all your household members over 20 years old
 - ※ Please bring the postcard issued by the Kurume Pension Office (2410 Suwano-machi, TEL 0942-33-6192)
- Sudden change in living conditions due to certain circumstances such as death, marital separation or unemployment of parents:
 - Document to verify current status, such as Certificate of Unemployment or Notification of Absence from your employer/work place
- If you reside outside of Kurume (but your child is enrolled in a public school in Kurume):
 - Resident Card for all household members
 - Income Tax Declaration Certificate for all household members over 16 years old issued at the Municipal Office in the city you lived in as of January 1, 2023
- If you moved to Kurume after January 2, 2023:
 - Income Tax Declaration Certificate for all household members over 16 years old issued at the Municipal Office in the city you lived in as of January 1, 2023



For More Information,

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