Notification on Kawasaki's School Attendance Financial Assistance system

One of the goals of education in Kawasaki City is to help each individual shine, and to create our future together. Our financial aid system for education pays for educational materials, fees for school trips, etc., for children in elementary and junior high school who have financial issues.

1. Eligibility for School Attendance Financial Assistance

Applicants whose reasons for applying fall into one of 1-5 below may apply for School Attendance Financial Assistance.

(1) You receive money for livelihood protection → Yes → **Eligible for Financial**

No ↳ **(2) Livelihood protection was suspended or discontinued this year or last year, and your current household circumstances are the same as when you received livelihood protection.** → Yes → **Eligible for Financial**

No ↳ **(3) You are receiving the Child Support Allowance** → Yes → **Eligible for Financial**

No ↳ **(4) Your household income falls below the Base Reference Income (approximate) for 2025 (figure to right)** → Yes → **Eligible for Financial**

No ↳ **(5) Attachment 3 One of the following reasons applies (2025 income exceeds Base Reference Income)** → Yes → **Eligible for Financial**

No ↳ **Not eligible for Financial Assistance**

*1 The Child Support Allowance is primarily provided to single-parent households. It differs from the Child Allowance and from the Special Child Support Allowance.
*2 Refer to Question 6 regarding the Base Reference Income for 2025.
*3 For (5), refer to the attached "Reasons why assistance is recognized as necessary even though the Certified Base Reference Income is exceeded, and necessary associated documents."

Household Members	Approximate Base Reference Income
2 people	Approximately 2.3 million yen
3 people	Approximately 2.86 million yen
4 people	Approximately 3.3 million yen
5 people	Approximately 3.79 million yen
6 people	Approximately 4.3million yen
7 people	Approximately 4.82 million yen
8 people	Approximately 5.16 million yen

Applicants can determine whether or not they are eligible to apply based on (4) above by checking if their total household income for 2025 is lower than the Base Reference Income. Note that the Base Reference Amount may be slightly higher or lower, depending on the age composition of the household.

2 Overview of Assistance (items covered by financial aid/amounts)

Aid Item	Elementary School			Middle School		
	Year 1	Years 2-5	Year 6	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
School Item and Commute Item Expenses	11,630 Yen	13,900 Yen		22,730 Yen	25,000 Yen	
Non-School Activity Expenses (★)	1,600 Yen			2,310 Yen		
Summer Facility Participation Expenses		Actual Expense Provision			Actual Expense Provision	
Natural Class Participation Expenses (Meal Fees) (★)		Only Year 5 Students 4,000Yen		4,000 Yen		
Commute Expenses	Actual Expense Provision (only for those living 2km or more from a school zone)			Actual Expense Provision (only for those living 3km or more from a school zone)		
Money for School Entrance Prep.			63,000 Yen			
School Item Expenses for New Child Students	57,060 Yen			63,000 Yen		
School Trip Expenses (★)			Actual Expense Provision			Actual Expense Provision
Club Activities				20,280 Yen	12,480 Yen	7,200 Yen
Graduation Album Fees			Actual Expense Provision			Actual Expense Provision

※The amounts shown in the chart are for FY2025. Amounts for 2026 will be indicated in a Notification of Assistance sent to qualifying individuals following the application proces
※In the chart above, children designated as needing protection (those receiving social welfare services), are only eligible for assistance on categories marked with the（★）.
※All subsidy amounts are shown in the annual figures, which in general are paid in three segments per year. The Financial Aid Notification is sent to all qualifying individuals each time they qualify. In addition, those certified for the fiscal year are paid an amount corresponding to the period for which they are certified.
※This system disburses assistance to cover the costs described above. It is not an exemption provided by the school.
※The above costs are reimbursed in the actual amounts paid, after the Educational Committee confirms the costs with the school.
※Regarding Nature Classroom attendance costs, where facilities other than the Yatsugatake Shonen Shizen-no-Ie are utilized, costs are reimbursed in accordance with the facility food costs.
※Commuting costs are covered for qualifying residents of the school district or those with special circumstances, and are limited to those using public transportation.
※The school supply allowance for new students are paid only to households that were not paid the New Student Preparation Subsidy (pre-school age children/sixth graders), and who were certified April 30th.
※The school avoidance treatment allowance is paid to individuals with documented school avoidance issues, as indicated by regular health checkups, at school or otherwise.
※The School Lunch Subsidy program is slated for launch as a national project in FY2026, but individuals must pay for school lunches through the time they are certified for School Attendance Financial Assistance.
For School Lunch Subsidy Program payments, and for reimbursement of amounts paid subsequent to School Attendance Assistance approval, inquire with the Healthy School Lunch Promotion Office.
※Separate categories of assistance are provided for individuals living in shelters in the aftermath of earthquakes or other large-scale disasters who have been approved for School Attendance Financial Assistance.

3 Order of operations from the application state to disbursement

(1) Application and Notification of Assistance

Apply online on e-KAWASAKI, or submit paper documents (send by post or bring in person)

Application category	Application period	Time frame for sending of application review results
Application at beginning of fiscal year **(for funds disbursed 4/1)**	**April 1, 2026-June 1, 2026** **(date of postmark if sending by post)**	**End of July, late September**
Application submitted in middle of fiscal year **(due to certain circumstances arising)**	**Through last day of the month following arisal of qualifying event** **(date of postmark if sending by post)**	**Anytime in late September, mid-November, late January, and late February**
Applying during the middle of the fiscal year **(for disbursements starting month of application)**	**At any time** **(postmark date where application is mailed by post)**	**Anytime during late September, mid-November, late January, and late February**

※In general, at the beginning of the fiscal year, individuals eligible for renewal (those approved by the end of the previous fiscal year), are not required to re-apply (no review required).
However, if there is any change in household circumstances as of the previous fiscal year, if the applicant was not a resident of Kawasaki City as of January 1, 2026, and where the reason for application for the current fiscal year is reason (5), even if you have received notification that you are approved for renewal, you may need to re-submit your application along with additional documents.

※See the separate sheet for details on the application process.

(2) Payment and Payment Details Sent

In general, disbursements are made three times a year (August or October, December, and March), at which time Notifications of Payment are sent out. The number of payments may differ depending on the timing of approval.

(3) Other

If there are any changes in the household composition in the middle of the fiscal year, approval will be temporarily withdrawn, in which case the applicant needs to re-apply.

4 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. I applied for School Attendance Financial Assistance (New Student Preparation Subsidy) before my child enrolled in elementary school. Do I need to apply again before enrollment?

A1. Individuals who have not been approved for School Attendance Financial Assistance (New Student Preparation Subsidy) need to apply.

Q2. I'm not sure if my household is eligible for renewal.

A2. You are eligible if it says "Renewal" on the envelope addressed to you.

Q3 If I have other children, do I need to submit a separate application for all of them?

A3. You need submit only one application for each household.

Q4. How do I apply online?

A4. Check the Website (URL below) for the application process. (There is also a link on the dedicated application form).

Q5. What envelope should I use when sending the application documents?

A5. If you are submitting paper documents, you need to supply your own envelope (noting your name and address) and stamp.

Q6. I'm not sure if my total income falls below that of the previous year or not. Can I still apply under reason 4 (income Falls under Base Reference Income)?

A6: Total household income for the previous year is noted on the withholding tax slip as "income after employment income deduction," or on the Total Income line of your tax return. If your total household income is lower than the estimated Total Income on the previous page, then you are free to apply. You may still apply if you are unsure of whether the amount is lower than the Base Reference Income.

Q7. When and where can I obtain proof of income?

A7: You can apply at the municipality where you are registered as of January 1st of the year in which you are applying. In many cases, the certificate is issued in late May or later. Inquire with the relevant department with jurisdiction over your previous address.

Q8: Separate households are living in the house, such as grandparents or other relatives, or someone in the house is living separately from his or her family for employment purposes. Do I submit the application for all people living in the house together, or as separate households?

A8: Apply as a single household even in scenarios where the people living at the address are living in multi-generation housing, separate apartments on the premises, etc., where someone is living separately from their family for purpose of employment, etc.

Contact for Inquiries and Website Information

School Aid System (All)	**General Affairs Department, School Affairs Division**	044−200−3736
School Medical Care Expenses	**School Education Department Health Education Division**	044−200−3293
School Lunch Expenses	**Healthy School Lunch Promotion Office**	044−200−2539

Website: https://www.city.kawasaki.jp/880/category/12-8-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-0.html l

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