



Parents/Guardians of New School Entrants (1st Year Junior High school, 1st Year High School,)

January, 2026

Save the Children Japan

【Application Guideline】

Ensuring Children's Right to Learn, we will provide partial support for the costs of new school enrollments.

* Eligibility conditions apply.

【Number of Recipients】

New 1st Year Junior High School Students and New 1st Year High School Students

Total: 1,000 recipients

【Information on Assistance】 *no refund required

30,000 yen for New 1st Year Junior High School Students and 50,000 yen for New 1st Year High school Students

【Application Period】

From 10:00a.m. Thursday, January 8 to [12:00p.m.\(noon\) Friday, January 23, 2026](#)

*Applications should be submitted online. Mail submission will be accepted only under unavoidable circumstances. They must arrive at Save the Children office no later than Friday, January 23. Please note that postmarks dated on the deadline will not be accepted. If you have any questions about submitting by mail, please contact us through the inquiry form below.

*Applications will be accepted through the online form starting on Thursday, January 8 at noon.

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

*If the parent/guardian of the child concerned has difficulty applying, it is possible for support organizations concerned to apply on their behalf.

【Eligible person】

The child who meets all the following eligibility criteria 1 to 3.

1. The Child concerned must reside in Japan at the time of application and be scheduled to enter a junior high school, or high school, etc., within Japan in April 2026.

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

*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" refers children who were born on or after April 2, 2008, and are entering high schools or other schools for the first time.

2. The parents/guardian's annual income meets the standard amount set by Save the Children, and it is difficult to prepare for graduation and enrollment expenses.

*Annual income is the amount of income categories shown on the taxation certificate for FY2025. It includes **taxable income such as employment earnings and unearned income (real estate income, stock investments, etc.), as well as survivor's pension, disability pension, and other public pensions**, counted as one income for a single-parent household, and the total of two incomes for a two-parent household.

■The standard amount set by Save the Children

(If the parent/guardian is receiving a survivor's pension or disability pension, please see the second table for details.)

total number	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people	7 people	8 people	9 people	10 people
the standard amount	1,350,000 yen	1,470,000 yen	1,830,000 yen	2,210,000 yen	2,590,000 yen	2,970,000 yen	3,350,000 yen	3,730,000 yen	4,110,000 yen

* "Total number" includes the children, the parent(s)/guardian, and dependent child(ren), not other family members living in the same house, such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, or children who are independent.

■The standard amount if the parent/guardian is receiving a survivor's pension or disability pension.

	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 children	6 children	7 children	8 children	9 children
Single parent	1,910,000 yen	2,140,000 yen	2,650,000 yen	3,160,000 yen	3,670,000 yen	4,180,000 yen	4,690,000 yen	5,200,000 yen	5,710,000 yen
Two parents	2,010,000 yen	2,520,000 yen	3,030,000 yen	3,540,000 yen	4,050,000 yen	4,560,000 yen	5,070,000 yen	5,570,000 yen	6,080,000 yen

* If the parent/guardian is only receiving a taxable public pension other than a disability pension or survivor's pension, please check the table of "the standard amount set by Save the Children".

*Even if the annual household income of the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) is within the above standard, the applicant may not be eligible if the difference between the household earnings and the adjusted income is large.

*Households that experienced sudden changes in their finances in 2025 may be eligible. Please contact us for the required documents.

3. The living situation must meet one of the conditions A - H.

- The child or the parent/guardian has a disability.
- The child or the parent/guardian suffers from a specified disease and holds a Pediatric Chronic Specified Disease Medical Expense Recipient Certificate or a Specified Medical Expense Recipient Certificate.
- There are family circumstances, such as when the child is being raised by a sibling.
- The child has/had escaped from domestic violence.
- The parent/guardian does not receive a disability pension or survivor's pension, and the household income in 2023 and 2024 is less than 1/2 of the standard amount set by Save the Children (see the table above).
- The child does not speak Japanese as a mother tongue and is in receipt of support due to difficulties communicating in Japanese in everyday life.
- Public assistance is not available due to reasons such as unstable residency status or statelessness of the child and/or the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- The child is in a situation that requires substantial consideration in his/her daily life for reasons other than A-G.

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

Example of H:

The child is responsible for caring for family members or doing household chores usually handled by adults, which interferes with his/her learning.

The child or the parent/guardian does not fall under category B but suffers from an illness that requires considerable support in daily life.



【Documents to Submit】

1. Certificate of Residence [Juminhyo] for all members of the household (Mandatory)

*Please make sure the certificate states Relationship. "My number"(Individual Number) is not necessary. Obtained on or after December 1, 2025. If the child is the head of the household on the certificate, please contact us by the form.

2. Certificate of municipal and prefectural income taxation for FY2025 (Mandatory)

* Only a certificate that shows full details including a breakdown of your annual earnings, income amount, income deductions, and deductions for dependents (Zenbu Jiko Shomei, certificate of full details), will be accepted.

* A screenshot of the "Myna Portal" screen cannot be accepted.

*For a two-parent household, a certificate is required for each of the two individuals. For a single-parent household, only one certificate is required.

3. Certificate of Child-Rearing Allowance (Mandatory if you have.)

* A certificate is required to confirm all the members of the household.

*If you do not submit it, we may not be able to verify the required tax certificates for all the parent(s)/guardian(s), and we may request additional documents.

*If you do not have the document because you are in a de facto single-parent household or for another reason, please indicate the reason in the application form.

4. Latest notice of disability or survivor's pension revision (Mandatory if the parent/guardian receives a disability pension or a survivor's pension.)

5. A notice of payments for Injury and Sickness Allowance or a notice of decision for Workers' Compensation Leave Benefits (Mandatory if you have one of them or both.)

*If the parent/guardian received the allowance or the compensation in 2024, you are required to submit the document above.

6. A certificate of eligibility for employment insurance (Mandatory if you received it.)

*If the parent/guardian received unemployment insurance benefits in 2024, you are required to submit it.

7. The Document confirming the living situation (one of them)

Those who chose A. The child or the parent/guardian has a disability.		
• Physical disability certificate	• Mental disability certificate	
• Intellectual Disability Certificate (Ryoiku Techo)	• Documents showing his/her enrollment in a special needs school (class)	
Those who chose B. The child or the parent/guardian suffers from a specified disease and holds a Pediatric Chronic Specified Disease Medical Expense Recipient Certificate or a Specified Medical Expense Recipient Certificate.		
• Pediatric Chronic Specified Disease Medical Expense Recipient Certificate	• Specified Medical Expense Recipient Certificate	
Those who chose C. There are family circumstances, such as when the child is being raised by a sibling		
• Required documents may vary depending on your situation. Please contact us before you apply.		
Those who chose D. The child has / had escaped from domestic violence.		
• Protection order	• Damage report	• Proof of residence in a shelter
Those who chose E. The parent/guardian does not receive a disability pension or survivor's pension, and the household income in 2023 and 2024 is less than 1/2 of the standard amount set by Save the Children (see the table above).		
• Certificate of municipal and prefectural income taxation for FY2024 (in addition to the FY2025 certificate)		

Those who chose F. The child does not speak Japanese as a mother tongue and is in receipt of support due to difficulties communicating in Japanese in everyday life.	
• Documents showing that he/she is receiving Japanese language support or lecture.	
Those who choose G. Public assistance is not available due to reasons such as unstable residency status of or statelessness of the child and/or the parent(s)/guardian(s)	
• A certificate of provisional release *A certificate of provisional release will be considered equivalent to a certificate of residence and a tax certificate.	
• Documents showing that you are applying for asylum	• Documents showing that your residential status is unstable
Those who choose H. The child is in a situation that requires substantial consideration in his/her daily life for reasons other than those listed in A-G	
• No specific documents are required. *If you choose H, you may not be eligible depending on the information provided in your application form.	

【Online Application Process】

Please make sure that you meet the eligibility criteria and prepare the necessary documents for your application. After that, fill out the application form and attach the required documents during the application period. Application deadline is [Friday, January 23, 2026 at noon.](#)

Application form: <https://43bc8518.form.kintoneapp.com/public/26scj1app>



*Application will be accepted through the online form starting on Thursday, January 8th at noon.

*You will receive an automatic reply email containing your reception number once your application is completed.

*One application can be processed per child. Please submit a separate application for each child if you apply for multiple siblings.

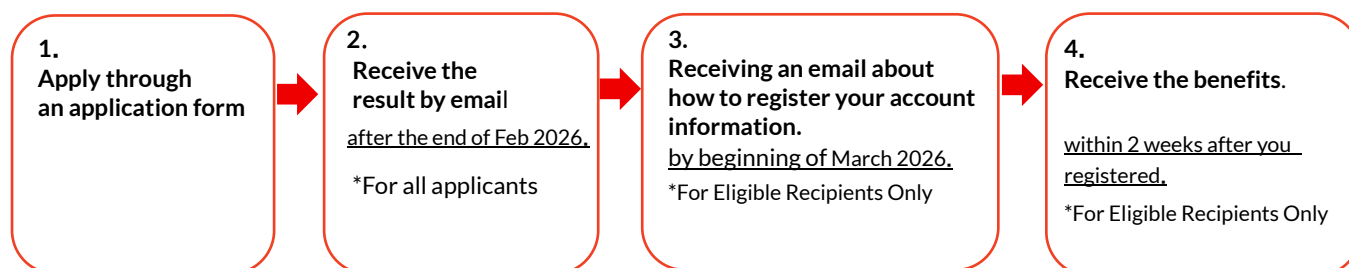
【Notification of results】

We will notify you of the results by email. (Scheduled after the end of February 2026)

We will inform eligible recipients about how to register his/her transfer account.

* To obtain account information and process transfers, we use the remittance service provided by GMO Payment Gateway, Inc.

【Process from Application to Payment】



【Precautions for application】

◆ Details Pertaining to Assistance

The Save the Children Cash Assistance 2026 for New Students 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 can enter school 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 learning environment situation and lives of all children.

◆ Application Details and Documents

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

◆ Selection Process

Applications will be screened based on the documents and information submitted. Even if you are eligible, if the number of applications exceeds the program's capacity, the beneficiary will be determined through an evaluation process. And 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 other public and private scholarships, including high school scholarships and financial aid, except those provided by Save the Children

◆ Requests for Questionnaires and Interviews

Those who have been selected for benefits may be asked to participate in Save the Children questionnaires and interviews. In such cases, we will confirm again whether you can cooperate.

◆ 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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Inquiry Form: <https://43bc8518.form.kintoneapp.com/public/26scj1inq>



* 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 organization that supports children in 110 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 cash assistance for children that provides a portion of schooling costs, 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 more than 8,200 children with school enrollment, progression onto his/her education, and high school lives. Since 2022, we have been expanding the program to the entire country and the number of children eligible for receiving cash assistance, and we provided cash assistance to 979 students in 2023, 995 students in 2024 and 1,035 students in 2025.

